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£1 million a year fat cat QCs attacked by Lord Chancellor



Irvine says lawyers fee

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS who earn El million in fees a year were lambasted by the Lord Chancellor last night as the main deterrent to people who use the courts rather than court fees

they must pay.
Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the Lord
Chancellor, told the House of Lords: It is the fact that top lawyers in this country easily earn at least four times what top surgeons earn. The main deterrent on going to law is not court fees but the price at which lawyers value their own services and, so far, have succeeded in

charging." Any litigant who was represented by a lawyer would pay legal fees "vastly in excess of the modest court fees," he said. "It is the fact that there are a significant number of QCs who earn a million pounds per annum and many who would describe half a million pounds in one year as representing

a very had year for them.

To say that court fees act as a deterrent to litigants is rather like arguing that people are deterred from buying a new motor car by an increase in vehicle excise duty.

pointment to the Government was himself a top-earning commercial silk, acknowledged that his comments "might bear comparison with the conversion of St Paul". But that meant he was in a good position to know the facts and these should not

He added that many lawyers earned fair and reasonable incomes from criminal legal aid. But the overall cost to the public purse of big criminal cases was far too high. "We are not talking expressly about criminal litigation today, but it is a staggering fact that of the total criminal legal aid budget of £566 million, the top I per cent of criminal total expenditure.

The Lord Chancellor was responding in the Lords to a question from Lord Ackner, the former law lord, as to what action the Government proposed to take to "protect the constitutional rights of access of a litigant of modest means from the impact of new and increased court

He questioned whether it was right to suggest that court fees, one of the smallest components in the overall litigation bill, was a deterrent. "Fat cat laweyrs railing at the inequity of court fees do not attract the sympathy of the public." The increases, which came into force in January, substantially put up civil

fees. The Bar, Law Society and Legal Action Group have criticised the rises which are aimed at recovering an extra £50 million a year, bringing the total annual fee income to £310 million — virtually the entire cost of running the civil

Yesterday Lord Irvine ruled out scrapping the system of charging fees to litigants in the courts, insisting that citizens do not have "a constitutional right to a free court

A dozen QCs, chiefly at the commercial bar, who have been listed as among those estimated to

have earned £1 million a year include Michael Beloff, George Carman, Christopher Clarke, Anthony Grabiner, Sydney Kentridge, Gordon Pollock, Peter Scott and Jonathan Sumption. There is also what Lord Irvine called "a significant number" who must earn near

that figure. Lord Irvine himself worked partly at the commercial bar, where fees are highest, and partly at the employment and administrative law bar. He is unlikely to have been among the band earning £1 million year. As a successful barrister, his earnings will have topped £500,000

Church plans inquiry on gay priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday paved the way for the ordination of practising homosexuals as Church of England priests, even though he spoke out fiercely against all sexual relationships outside marriage.
Dr George Carey told the

General Synod that an international commission, similar to that which examined the issue of women priests, could be set up next year to consider the entire area of human sexuality". Traditionalists said that was bound to lead eventually to the acceptance of homosexual priests and even the sanctioning of gay and lesbian marriages.

Dr Carey's announcement came as the Government said that it would continue to resist European moves to end the ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces, although it is likely to accept that the age of consent for homosexuals should be reduced to 16.

The Synod, discussing the question of homosexual priests for the first time in a decade, was told that the next Lambeth Conference - the ten-yearly meeting of the world's heads of the Anglican communion — in July would decide whether a commission should be set up to consider

the issue. If it were, the commission would be along the lines of the Eames Commission on the ordination of women which sat in 1988 and 1989. That was seen by many as having opened the door to women priests and yesterday the Lambeth Communion spokesman, Jim Rosenthal, said that the commission would be of the highest calibre. "It is the most serious way of dealing with an urgent topic like this. Gay

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clergy are already being ordained in the churches. The commission will pave the way to an intelligent, international

But the Rev Stephen Trott of the Church's Catholic group said: "The floodgates have just been opened. The debate will be seen as an amber light here, and as a green light in America, where the church is discussing the issue next week. The commission will be an interim stage to an inevitable end."

The Synod debate came amid growing pressure form activists in America and Eng land, who are pushing for the ordination of homosexuals and the acceptance of samesex marriages - even though both are strongly opposed by churches in the developing world and elsewhere. The Synod commended for discussion a bishops' document which rules out homosexual relationships for clergy, but accepts them in some circum-

stances among the laity. The Government has meanwhile agreed to reconsider the ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces within the next five years. Although it has made no commitment to changing the stance, it may have to if the European Court of Human Rights rules against it in September.

Forces Minister, voted for the ban when the Commons last discussed it, and is understood to share the strong feelings of Service chiefs that it should remain. Tony Blair and George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, abstained on that occasion.

Ministers insisted yesterday that there was no link between the Government's signal that

the age of consent law could be changed and the ban on gays in the Forces. The situations are entirely different and in September we will make a submission to the court explaining why we have taken the position we have," a senior government source said.

The Government confirmed that it was bowing to the inevitability of defeat in two other cases before the human rights court in which Britain is accused of discrimination in having different ages of consent for homosexuals and heterosexuals.

It is seeking an out-of-cour settlement, a part of which will be a promise to allow a free vote in the Commons on changing the law. That seems certain to get a substantial majority, although it could be 18 months before the law is

When it was last debated in 1994, a move to equalise the age of consent for heterosexuals and homosexuals was defeated by only 27 votes. William Hague, the Tory leader, and three other members of the Shadow Cabinet members voted for the lower age.

Ministers accepted the irony yesterday of indications of a liberalisation in the law on gay sex at the same time as it was considering toughening the law on buying cigarettes. **But Downing Street insisted** that trying to cut deaths caused by smoking by possibly raising the minimum age for buying cigarettes from 16 to 18, while allowing a free vote on lowering the age of "utterly different issues".

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Covent Garden farewell for three audiences

By Damian Whitworth and Dalya Alberge

'Beef smuggling' plants shut down

By Michael Hornsby and Polly Newton

TWO meat plants suspected of being part of an international smuggling ring shipping Brit-ish beef to Europe have been closed down, the Government said last night. Such shipments would be in defiance of a worldwide export ban.

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, said he had ordered the two companies to stop operations immediately as a result of a joint investigation with the European Commission's anti-fraud unit. The companies are thought to be a cold store in Stoke-on-Trent and a meat-cutting plant at Hoddesdon in Hertfordshire.

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5.00; Turnisja Din 2.200; USA \$3.50. The announcement came as Dr Cunningham prepared to appear before a committee of the European Parliament in Strasbourg today to explain how hundreds of tonnes of British beef reached the Continent falsely labelled as being

The European Commission imposed the beef embargo nearly 16 months ago after the disclosure that ten British victims of a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease probably developed the fatal brain condition after eating beef infected with BSE, or

"mad cow" disease. Dr Cunningham said: "Op-erations of this kind involve risks to the public. I am determined to crack down hard on anyone who runs risks with public safety." He later told ITN: "We have

uncovered very poor hygiene standards ... and a whole number of other completely unsatisfactory activities." The European Commission said yesterday that two Belgian companies had had their

trading licences suspended

after being accused of relabel-ling British beef.

- Chris Snith, Virginia Bottomley, Paul Channon, Richard Luce, David Mellor, Timothy Renton and Peter Brook - was a reminder of why we need a new, enlarged opera house. They were among the quarter of the 2,100-strong audience who did not have to pay for their seats. This was the opera house's way of saying thank-you to artists, sponsors and sup-

porters. The Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret were guests of honour, and millions watched on television, but the most appreciative audience

THE curtain came down on

the Royal Opera House last

night with a farewell gala featuring some of its biggest

Inside, anyone who was

anyone was there. Baroness

Thatcher and William Hague

were there, though not togeth-

er. So were all the previous

ministers of arts or heritage or

fun, depending on what their

The sheer number of them

titles were in their day.

to-shoulder to watch a live relay of the evening on a giant

stars of recent years.
Placido Domingo, Felicity
Lott and Darcey Bussell were The gala marked the end of among those who put in star an era. But that era will live on turns in front of three separate for the many who have audiences simultaneously as snapped up fixtures and furthe House prepared to close nishings as souvenirs. for a . £214 million redevel-

Even as champagne glasses were being drained at the postgala party, workmen were moving in to start ripping out the seats in the auditorium. Very little, though, will be thrown away. Even signs directing the way to the "gents" have been eagerly sought after



Frightfully sorry, no can do — we're off to the opera tonight"

was outside in the Covent Garden piazza where thou-sands were packed shoulder-sold will be sold and we have taken sealed bids," said Keith Cooper, director of corporate

> "But what doesn't go we are looking at distributing chari-tably. A sizeable expanse of red carpet is going to the Covent Garden Community Centre and a school in Kent. Many of the seats are earmarked for church halls and a community theatre.

But those who fancy a seat from the stalls in a corner of their living room can have one for £25, if there are any left after last night.

Some of the most competitive souvenir hunting has already taken place with the discreet removal of many of the embroidered numbers from favourite seats.

Among the highlights of last nights gala were Placido Do-mingo singing the death scene from Othello and Felicity Lott in Act 3 of Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier, Bernard Haitink, the House's current musical director and Sir Georg Solti and Colin Davis, were among those who conducted.

The evening ended with Darcey Bussell putting the opera house to sleep as the lilac fairy at the end of Sleeping Beauty Act I.

Tracie Andrews tells of night her fiancé died

TRACIE ANDREWS yesterday described in detail how a porky man with big staring eyes" killed her fiance in a road rage attack.

In her first day in the witness box at Birmingham Crown Court, where she is on trial for murder, Miss Andrews told how she and Lee Harvey had spent the evening

at a pub in Bromsgrove. On the way home, she said, she was looking for a cassette in the glove compartment of Mr Harvey's Ford Escort when the car swerved slightly and Mr Harvey swore. She said: "Lee said "I think they want to rate. When the car came up at the side of us, Lee was doing gestures with his hand and I saw the passenger making gestures with his hand." According to Miss Andrews, the car overtook them and stopped on Coopers Hill, a few minutes from their home in Alvechurch. Mr Har-

vey stopped.

Miss Andrews told the court "The driver of the vehicle got out of that car and so did Lee . . . I told Lee to get in the car and to leave it, and that he was nearly home."

She said the lane was "pitch

black", but she could see the two men prodding each other.
"I heard Lee say What's your problem? You think you are Nigel Mansell.' There was swearing going on and prod-ding with lingers."

The driver then went back to his car and the passenger got out and came towards Mr Harvey. "I heard swearing and I heard the passenger call Lee a 'Paki bastard' (due to his dark skin). I saw the passenger strike out at Lee, I could not be sure how many times. but it was more than once. Lee fell down onto the floor and then that's when I got out of

The passenger was crouch ing over Mr Harvey, but she could see no weapon. She swore at the man and he punched her in the face.

"He called me a slut and he punched me in the face. He hit me really hard and straight away I fell. I remember tripping over Lee as I fell. I put my hands out and I banged my head on the road."

All she could remember, she said, was the driver shouting 'Leave it, Jez' to the passenger a "porky" man with staring Continued on page 3, col 1

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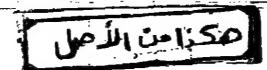
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Usual suspects show why their radio days may be numbered

ere ministers aware, asked a creature in red socks and jacket the colour of a jacaranda tree in full bloom, that "a year ago at Bastille Day, British warplanes flew down the Champs Elysées to salute those New Labour values: liberty, equality and fraternity?" For Denis MacShane (Lab, Rotherham) this was an uncharacteristically restrained remark, modest to the point of bashfuiness. Mr MacShane is one of

rude and showy, he delights

Kaufman the hidden seriousness, and you have the measure of MacShane. That - a self-proclaimed socialist - he once lived in Geneva in what envious colleagues assume to be some style, as a highranking trade union official, does little to endear this Government backbencher to the benches opposite.

Tall and thin with goldrimmed speciacles and a penetrating voice. Mr MacShane

from an underrated Gerald

is not so much showily as randomly dressed. For every ing his own side. Subtract occasion on which a blue jacket coincides with mustard socks there may be one on which khaki trousers coincide with with a puce tie. He loves by his effrontery and his boyish sense of mischief, if not widely loved, is not unlovable. Beyond infuriating the Tories with his Question yesterday, it was not clear what might be

Later MacShane intervened with evident purpose to sup-



port David Winnick (Lab. Walsall N) and Sir Patrick Cormack (deputy to the Shadow Leader of the House) in a plea to Madam Speaker to save the BBC Radio 4's Yesterday in Parliament - ap-

parently under threat.

David Winnick is one of those MPs we will miss when they are gone, but who require

measure of forbearance while they are still here. A mosquito-MP with the whine of a supercharged moped crossing a bridge, a good man, an independent spirit and a brave speaker, he is ... well, a bit of a pain.

And he does go on a bit. At the Chamber to share his

should regard MPs' speeches as a turn-off. Why ever might radio audiences not want to listen to the Commons? he

There is an answer to Mr Winnick's question but I cannot think of any polite way of expressing it. Sir Patrick Cormack rose in his support Sir Patrick rises not as other do, but as a generous jam

SDOUGE FISES. If Winnick is a mosquito, Sir Patrick is a bumble-bee. Ponderous and orotund, he

tion sucking what nectar he can find (especially concerning the ancient Rights and Privileges of the House) and gargling on it. Sir Patrick saw no reason to curtail the broad-

casting of MPs. Again, we are on the point of suggesting one - but think better of it and, being rather fond of Sir Patrick, lapse into

a respectful silence. Third up was Denis MacShane. It is painful to report what he said. He said the value of Yesterday in

hums from Question to Ques- Parliament was that it brings the nation the real thing, "unfiltered by commentators" and (my italies) "sketchbovs".

Colleagues giggled. Delighted with the effect he had created, this impudent, dandified. Toblerone eating, rent-a-quoting, flip, preening prancing, pigeon-toed, self-regarding, brass-necked, attention-seeking, crowing, fawning. swaggering. patronising, self-oiling, selfapplauding, smart-assed, lav-

Task force of the talents will seek culture of success

By Dalya Alberge and Carol Midgley

THE Prime Minister has recruited the entrepreneur Richard Branson and the film producer Sir David Puttnam to a high-profile "task force" as part of the drive to modernise the former Department of National Heritage.

The task force, announced yesterday as Tony Blair launched the renamed Department for Culture, Media and Sport, will provide a link between government departments and tackle issues handled by each of them. The initiative acknowledges that an industry worth £50 billion a year in the 1990s can be dramatically expanded for the next century.

Through the task force, the Prime Minister wants a united attack on problems encountered by the creative sector. A government spokeswoman said: "The Inter-Departmental Creative Industries Taskforce will aim to improve economic performance in this area." Its membership will also include Alan McGee, founder of Creation Records, Paul Smith, the designer, Gail Rebuck, Random House UK chairman and chief executive. Eric Salama, main Board Director of WPP. and Janice Hughes, of Spectrum Strategy Consultants.

A spokesman said: The calibre of people speaks for itself. The fact that we've got the Paul Smiths and the Alan McGees, as well as more familiar names, is indicative of the seriousness with which they take it."

The committee will be chaired by Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. .

Writing in The Times today. he says: "These are people who understand how to build and develop creative businesses. Cultural and leisure activi-

ties are of growing significance. Not only to individuals; they are also of rapidly growing economic importance. They are the basic fuel of our hugely successful international tourist industry, and the heart of a series of activities in which Britain is genuinely a world leader. Cool Britannia is here to stay."

The team will study, for example, the workings of the Department of Trade and Industry, which covers issues such as intellectual property. and the Department for Em-



economic importance

ployment where it affects the creative workforce. They will identify barriers to their activities such as problems with another international trade body, or technological developments held back in intellectual-property disputes. The committee will show ways in which the Government can encourage the climate for these industries to thrive.

Sir David Puttnam noted how individual films had been split between the former Heritage Department, the DTI and the Home Office at various moments during their lives: "This allows the gaps to be

closed up. If you want to drive the economy, you need coherence between departments that hasn't existed in the past."

Alan McGee, whose Creation Records is the record company for Oasis, said: "For the first time ever, the British government has had the foresight to involve creative people in the key decisions affecting industries whose contribution to the country both financially and culturally is often underestimated. Eric Salama, 36, main

board director of WPP, said of the task force: "We are a collection of people, all of whom are involved in creative businesses. WPP is a huge employer in the UK and the largest marketing services company in the world. It was probably thought our experience would be beneficial." Ms Rebock said: "I am

extremely encouraged that culture has been recognized as a significant contributor to the creative economy. There is a wealth of creative talent, but not enough resources to bring that to the fore. A vibrant creative industry can offer jobs. I'm looking forward to

The first meeting takes place in September. Paul Smith. Britain's leading menswear designer with an annual turnover of £160 million, who once summed up his design philosophy as, "serious suits with silly socks", was on holiday in France yesterday. His office in London issued a statement for him, saying that he had been campaigning for four years for recognition of design as a vital component in the development of British industry.

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RICHARD BRANSON, 46multimillionaire entrepre-neur. Said to see himself as one of a team contributing ideas to an industry providing many of Britain's most



ALAN MCGEE, 37: former British rail storeman who founded Creation Records with £2,000 loan in 1987 and discovered Oasis. Gave Labour £50.000 to boost their Scottish campaign.



ERIC SALAMA, 36: main board director of WPP, the leading marketing services organisation whose brands include Ogilvy and Mather. Economics graduate from Trinity College, Oxford.



SIR DAVID PUTTNAM. 56: film producer, chairman of Enigma Productions. Won Oscar for Chariots of Fire and produced The Kill-ing Fields. Always keen to take on role under Mr Blair.



GAIL REBUCK, 45: chairman and chief executive of Random House UK, responsible for 30 individual ublishing houses. Started publishing houses. Started in children's books as a production assistant



menswear designer. Made Royal Designer for Industry (1991) and CBE (1994). Clients include Michael Palin, David Hockney, David Bowie and Calvin Klein.

Mowlam admits to new Sinn Fein talks

CHIEF IRELAND

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, admit-ted yesterday that the Government has resumed contacts with Sinn Fein, Ministers had previously made categorical assurances that contact was broken off after IRA gunmen shot dead two RUC officers on June 16.

During a phone in pro-gramme on BBC Radio Ulster, Dr Mowlam said that civil servants had written to Sinn Fein and spoken to party leaders on the telephone after republicans contacted the Northern Ireland Office. Her remarks came after The Irish Times revealed the exchanges with Sinn Fein.

Unionists reacted furiously yesterday to the new contacts. with one MP claiming that the Government was *determined to do a deal with gunmen". In yesterday's radio phone-in, Dr Mowlam said she understood the anger about the contacts, but she defended the exchanges. She said: "On one level it is very difficult to justify when you outline the violence that they have carried out — all equally appalling and equally unacceptable." However, Dr Mowlam said

the new contact was designed to clarify a number of issues for Sinn Fein in the hope that the IRA would restore its ceasefire. "Tony Blair and I have made clear all along that Sinn Fein cannot give any excuse that we haven't clarified our position. We are not negotiating but if Sinn Fein genuinely want clarification and my officials said they did then that would happen."

senior official of the Northern Ireland Office wrote to Sinn Fein last week to confirm a series of telephone conversation with the party during the last week of June and the first week of July.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trust looks to mobile theatres to cut lists

A mobile operating theatre, similar to one used by the British Army in Bosnia, could soon be in use to cut hospital waiting lists and save patients making long journeys to regional surgical units.

A civilian version of the French-designed unit, which fits on the back of a lorry, would be set up in car parks of small country hospitals where it would be able to handle day-surgery cases. A decision will be made later on whether to commission a working trial of the £400,000 unit. A prototype impressed surgeons and officials of the Royal Victoria Hospital at Deal in Kent, who were keen to start trials. The idea was proposed by Thanet NHS Trust.

Hunt ruling deferred

Deer hunters and farmers launched a High Court challenge over the decision of the National Trust to ban staghunting on its landholdings on Exmoor and the Quantock Hills. Their counsel condemned the ban as "peremptory, unfair and invalid" and asked for leave to apply for the first judicial review of trust policy in legal history. Reserving judgment after a day-long hearing, Mr Justice Tucker said the issues raised were "important and far-reaching", involving difficult points of law which he needed more time to consider. He hoped to reach a verdict later this week.

Direct sale clampdown

Regulations to protect children from junk mail and "cold" telephone calls from salesmen were announced yesterday. The new code of practice drawn up by the Direct Marketing Association states that advertisments should not prey on children by offering goods they cannot afford or promote "unhealthy or unwise behaviour" in minors. Also, salemen must not ring children at home "mining" for information about themselves or their parents. The new rules say that calls to homes must be between 8am and 9pm and cannot be made on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Crash relatives 'in dark'

one of the boys hurt when a helicopter crashed at Glamis Castle in Scotland, yesterday accused the organisers the Noel Edmonds charity, Airborne, of keeping relatives waiting for over an hour before telling them of the accident, in which Gary Malley, 9, right, was killed. Steven Jones said parents were told all was well when the helicopter had already come down.



Porn case dropped

The owner of a company that publishes the soft-port magazine Hustler yesterday walked free from Southwark Crown Court after no evidence was offered against him. Jonan Theron, from Johannesburg, Stuart Cayley, 47, a video distributor, of West Norwood, southeast London, and James Brown, 30, of Hornsey, north London, had denied seven counts of evading the prohibition on the importation of goods. Five counts of possessing indecent videos for publication with a view to gain were also dropped.

M4 rapist dead in cell

The Prison Service launched an inquiry yesterday after John Steed, the M4 rapist and killer, was found hanging in his cell. Prison staff found Steed, 34 who was in the eleventh year of a life sentence, hanging from the bars of his cell at Full Sutton jail near York early on Sunday. The spokesman said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of Steed, from Penge, southeast London, who was jailed after he admitted a string of sex attacks and killing Jacqueline Murray. 23, a Mayfair prostitute.

Spanish skipper fined

A Spanish trawler skipper was fined £15,000 for underrecording the ship's catch of seven tonnes of hake and haddock while fishing in British waters. Magistrates at Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, also ordered Alberto Dieste Perez, captain of the San Sebastian-registered Alay-Alde, to pay £1,275 in legal costs. He had fish worth £3,070 confiscated. His 35-metre boat, with a crew of 18, was stopped by the Royal Navy in the Western Approaches about 200 miles off Cornwall at the weekend.

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Bland to continue as | Watchdog to check swim commentator

By DOMINIC KENNEDY AND CRAIG LORD

HAMILTON BLAND, the BBC's "voice of swimming". will commentate on the next major international event despite two official inquiries into his business connections.

Mr Bland's potential conflict of interest over the distribution of National Lottery money to swimming pools is being investigated by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Amateur Swimming Association. Mr Bland's lawyers and the

BBC said yesterday that he was scheduled to cover the European Championships in Seville in mid-August. The ASA's inquiry is due to be completed by August 30. The Times and Granada TV's World in Action yesterday disclosed that while Mr Bland has an official role with the ASA recommending which pools should receive lottery help, he also has a profitable business as a consultant to those who want to secure lottery funding. Chris Smith, the Culture.

Media and Sport Secretary. said there were alarming im-plications if The Times's allegations were true. He wanted a rapid inquiry.

The BBC press office described the allegations as a

private matter between Mr Bland and the ASA. "It's not actually related to BBC work, is it?" a spokeswoman said. Mr Bland became the BBC's main swimming commentator

Camelot's accounts

By Carol Midgley, media correspondent

CAMELOT will have its accounts checked and will be fined if it breaches its licence under plans being drawn up by the Government to tighten National Lottery regulation. Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has

approved demands from the Commons public accounts committee for the National Audit Office to be given limited access to Camelot's books.

The Treasury will also publish a "minute of understanding" this month which will enable Peter Davis, directorgeneral of Oflot, the lottery regulator, to fine Camelot if it breaches its licence. Last month, at Oflot's annual report, Mr Davis pleaded for more "teeth" in his role. He said he could apply for an injunction in extreme breaches but in most cases had to rely Chris Smith, the Heritage

Secretary, is expected to announce the new proposals this month as part of his general review of the lottery's operation. He has already pledged to instigate a non-profitmaking lottery but is understood to have accepted that no operator would agree to run it entirely without profit.

The National Audit Office wants the power to check the flow of money from retailers through Camelot's accounts to the National Lottery Distribution Fund. These checks have not been extended to a regulated private company before.



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Andrews takes stand to deny murdering fiancé

Joanna Bale hears her account of a 'loving but stormy' relationship that led to abortion

TRACIE ANDREWS spent death on December I last year, her first day on the witness stand yesterday protesting her innocence in the roadside murder of her fiance, Lee

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Miss Andrews, 28, said she loved Mr Harvey despite their stormy relationship and planned to marry him. Regarding his murder, she said she wanted to return to the court one day to "see the person that did this". Repeatedly accused by the prosecu-tion of lying. Miss Andrews remained composed throughout her five hours of evidence and insisted that Mr Harvey had been stabbed in a road

rage incident. Her defence counsel, Ronald Thwaites, QC, opened dramatically at Birmingham Crown Court with the ques-tion: "Did you kill Lee Harvey?" In a soft Midlands accent, she replied: "No I did

Mr Thwaites then asked: "Did you want him dead?" Again, she said: "No I did

Mr Thwaites went on: "From the moment your reltionship began to the day he died, did you want any other man?" Miss Andrews: "No.

faithful or unfaithful to him?" Miss Andrews: "I was

have you formed any other relationship of a romantic or sexual kind with anyone else? Miss Andrews: "No, not at.

Mr Thwaites: "Did you have any form of breakdown yourself following his death?" Miss Andrews: "Yes, I did ... I attempted to take my own life, I felt I had no future left. I loved Lee more than anything else in the world and I did not want to live without him."

Mr Thwaites: "Did you really intend to kill yourself? Miss Andrews: "Yes" She went on to describe how she had taken a mixture of 200 tablets and still had suicidal thoughts from time to time".

When. asked by Mr Thwaites what gave rise to those thoughts, she said. The reason I don't want to be here is because I feel I have no future." Mr Thwaites: "What if any-

thing has given you the strength to carry on?" Miss Andrews: "When I look at my little girl. I am her mother." Pointing at the public gallery, Mr Thwaites: "Were you she said: "I want to come here one day. I want to sit there and I want to see the person that

Mr Thwaites: "Since his - She visibly relaxed and oc-

swered questions about her family background and schooldays. The court was told that Miss Andrews has no criminal convictions. She was born and brought up in Hereford and Worcester. Her parents separated when she was young and she was brought

up by her mother and stepfather with her brother and sister and several half siblings. At primary school in Alvechurch she joined the

6 I loved Lee more than anything else and I did not want to live without him 9

church youth club and sang in the choir. While at comprehensive school, she did voluntary work with handicapped children and the elderly, and passed six GCSEs.

She wanted to be a nurse, but after joining a YTS scheme in which she nursed the elderly, decided she was not suited to it. She explained: "I knew that I didn't have a career as a nurse. I used to get very upset when the patients

casionally smiled as she an- and went to live with her insecurity in the relationship, brother. She worked as a promotions girl, selling perfume, make-up and hair products. She had become ly and a lot more than I did." pregnant at the age of 21 by her first serious boyfriend, They had become engaged Andrew Tilston, to whom she

became engaged. Her daugh-ter, Karla, celebrated her seventh birthday on Sunday. Their relationship had deteriorated due to his heavy drinking and the fact that he went on holiday with friends just before she

was about to have the baby. She had left Mr Tilston on her 22nd birthday and gone to live with her mother. After gaining custody of Karla, she told the court, she moved into a council flat in

Alvechurch in early 1993, near her mother's home. She met Mr Harvey in October 1994 and he moved in with her three months later. Recalling her meeting with

Mr Harvey in 1994, she said: The relationship developed into something serious within weeks." She added: "I would describe it as very very loving and stormy at times."

Mr Thwaites asked: "What was it about either you or Lee that made it stormy?" Miss

on both sides." She went on: "We both had a temper. Lee showed his temper very quick-

in May 1995 and set a date for their wedding, which was to have been in June this year. At one point Mr Thwaites asked Miss Andrews to show the jury her rings and the size of her hands. Miss Andrews stepped out of the witness box and walked slowly along the jury with both hands outstretched, looking each one in

the eye. When she became pregnant, Mr Harvey was happy" at first, she said. But during one argument, he pushed her against a door and she hurt herself. They split up and she decided to have an abortion at 16 weeks without telling him. When she eventually told him "he told me that he blamed himself. If he had treated me a lot better then I never would have done that."

The couple reunited, but the abortion had caused Miss Andrews to lose 212 stone in weight which made her flatchested. Mr Harvey persuaded her to have breast implants and paid for them as a Christmas gift. "I said he should accept me for what I am and also it was a lot of money, but I wanted to feel more confident for him." The trial continues.



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Tracie Andrews arriving to give evidence at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday

The night Lee Harvey died

Continued from page I eyes. He walked back to the

car and they drove off. Mr Harvey was by then breathing strangely and she realised she was covered in his blood after kneeling down to see how he was and cuddling him, she said.
She knew there was a house

nearby to which she could have gone for help but said: "I got up a few times." With over to the car, to the house and I went towards the house and I went

Mr Harvey's hand, she said she had not remembered him pulling it. It was "very usual" for her hair to fall out because it was in bad condition from being bleached.

Cross-examining Miss Andrews, David Crigman QC accused her of lying about the route they took back from the pub after two witnesses claimed to have seen their car near the imurder scene without another car following it. L THIS CAL

does it?" She replied quietly:

·Mr Crigman challenged Miss Andrews to admit that a fly on the windscreen that Sunday would have hear the couple having a fierce argument in the car which had caused Mr Harvey to miss a turning. He said: "Your relationship was always on the edge of some kind of explosion

"Not always, no." Mr Crigman went on: "It was at the heart of this case that you and he had a relationcrupted in increasing levels of

Professor 'indecently assaulted students'

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A UNIVERSITY professor, had been forced to ask the was said yesterday to have indecently assaulted two woman students he met at a university garden party after asking them if they were familiar with the works of the Marquis de Sade.

Professor John Cottingham, 53, who has taught philosophy at Reading University for 25 years, had gone with the two young women to his univer-sity office, where he joked that he usually carried a cane. He then asked them if they liked being tied up before trying to kiss them and remove their clothing. Reading Crown Court was told.

The "petrified" students, then 21 and 23, had fled the room to get help and Professor Cottingham was later arrested, Simon Draycott, for the prosecution, said. But the professor had told police that he

women to leave his room when one of them started to perform a striptease and told him they both liked to experiment sexually.

"Professor Cottingham told a series of lies to the police to try and avoid the conse-quences of his actions," Mr Draycott said. The jury was told that the

two women and the professor had fallen into conversation at the university garden party in July last year. One of the students, Miss X.

told the court that she and her friend had agreed to leave the party with the professor and had accepted a lift in his car towards the university bar. When he said he had to go to

his office to pick up some books they had agreed to go with him to get some of his cigarettes as they had run out,

she said. They were looking at one of his unfinished manuscripts when the conversation turned to the Marquis de Sade, whom they had also discussed at the garden party.

"It still sounded as if we were talking academically but then, I don't know if he was being sarcastic, but he said: 'I usually carry my cane around with me.' I was a little thrown, Miss X said.

Then he asked what were the boundaries of pain you would accept. I didn't think he meant personally. I said: 'I don't know, maybe tied up, if I had to." At that point he got down on the floor and asked ust Would you care to join me? I didn't have time to respond because he came up and put his lips on my mouth."

The student, an American now 22, said the professor then came up behind her and unzipped her dress so it fell down her arms, before turn-ing to her friend and unbuttoning her cardigan. "He got on the floor and started touching my leg, saying: 'I much prefer women's bottoms to

their tops anyway."

Asked by Sandra Stanfield, for the defence, why she had not apparently attempted to fight off Professor Cottingham's alleged advances, she replied: "I was shocked, I thought the door was locked." Professor Cottingham denics two charges of indecent assault. The case continues.



Singer makes home run Circle, a West End record

BY NEIL GRAVES

A SINGER sold his £150,000 house to finance his own album. Michael Strassen, who has appeared in West End shows such as Les Miserables, said: "I put everything into this."

He now rents a two-bedroom Wandsworth flat while hoping for success for Loving You, which contains such standards as Autumn Leaves, Aifie and Of Man River. It has cost him £85,000 to hire a studio and for recording, £27,000 for musicians, £15,000

for production, £13,000 for marketing and £10,000 for pressing and distribution mder the Silver Sounds label. Strassen, 31, said: "It's only bricks and mortar. I wanted

adventure and some movement in my life. I aspire to oin people like Sinatra and Tony Bennett. "If the album works out, I'll

buy another house. If not, I'll keep on slogging and

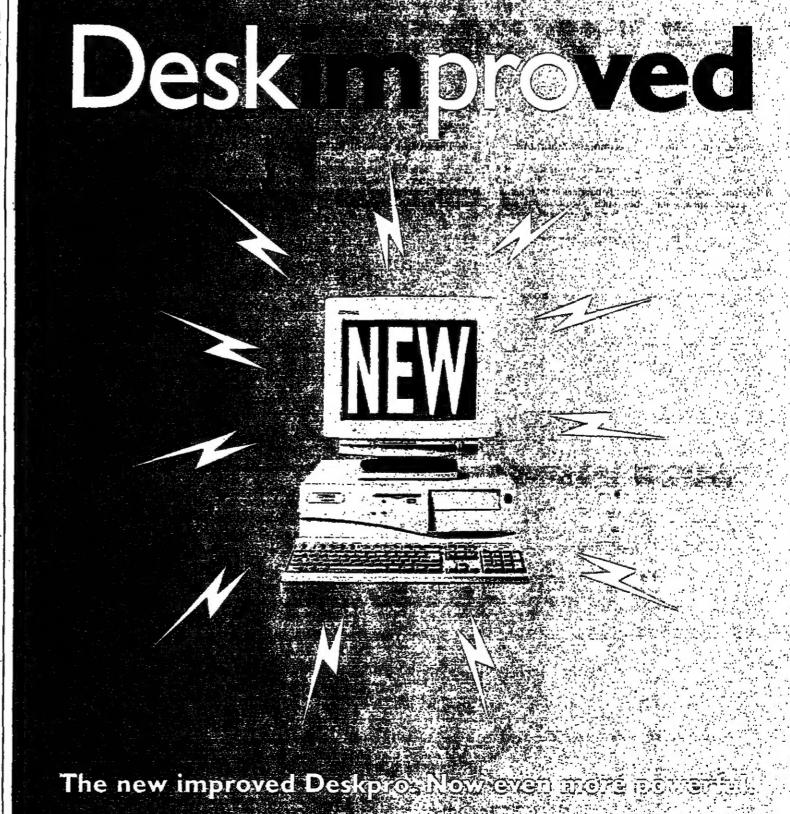
Loving You will reach limit-

ed outlets at record chains on

Monday, after selling 1,300 copies in six weeks at Dress shop specialising in musical

Michael Nelligan, the man-ager, said: "He's probably one of our fastest-selling male vocalists. A lot of these West End people do albums. Some sell, others don't." Part of the success can be

credited to the £13,000 spent on marketing, some of which went on promotions and clothing. Mr Nelligan said: "The cover has a nice sexy pose. People see the poster and say they want to listen to





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Tired parents blamed for increase in shy children

THE number of children handicapped by shyness is increasing because their parents no longer have time to talk to them, a conference was

The average amount of time working parents spend talk-ing to their offspring is just eight minutes a day, according to research presented to the British Psychological Society. Philip Zimbardo, an Ameri-

rainp 2imoaroo, an American psychologist, said child-ren should spend an hour in the company of other people for every hour they spent sitting in front of the tele-vision. He said: "If they don't do this they will not exercise do this they will not acquire social skills to enable them to relate to people."

NEWS IN BRIEF

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man held

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Vigilante thief:

Stirling. Bell has 13 previous

Driver sentenced

A youth who drove 500 yards

with a woman trapped under

his car has been sent to a

young offenders' institution for two years. Mark McCar-

thy, 17, of Ely, Cardiff, hit Pat

Thomas, 66, also of Ely. He

pleaded guilty at Swansea

Crown Court to causing death

Lightning strike Forty-five people were struck

by lightning as they sheltered from a thunderstorm at a country music festival in Ha-

verhill, Suffolk. Five were treated in hospital but not detained. Police believe there energy from the strike was

dissipated through the crowd.

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Do They Know It's Christmas,

Police called to investigate reports of underage driving at a supermarket car park in Arundel, West Sussex, found

the drivers were jockeys from

a nearby racehorse stables.

One 17-year-old stable lad

said: "We are short and people

do mistake us for younger

which sold 750,000 copies.

Caught short

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Work restricts talking to 8 minutes

a day, reports Simon de Bruxelles

ing the four-day seminar, at Cardiff University, which is investigating why the number of people who consider themselves shy has increased by 20 per cent over the last 15 years. Studies in the early 1970s showed that 40 per cent of adults felt that shyness was affecting their behaviour. But studies taken in the past 12 months show it has risen to

between 55 and 64 per cent. Mothers and fathers are neglecting their children because they are too involved in their busy lives, according to Professor Zimbardo, of

the meeting: "It is very alarming because we don't really know where it is going to end. It is a terrible indictment of society that children are given so little time by their parents.

"My studies have shown that mothers and fathers spend just eight minutes talking to their children but it isn't even meaningful talk — it is mostly the parents giving commands to their children.

"Both parents are working and by the time they get home they sink in front of the ision and haven't got time for their children. But they

to spend more and more of their time alone in their bedrooms. Members of the family don't sit down for meals together because the parents are too exhausted.

This neglect comes at a vital time in their lives. Most children become shy when they reach adolescence, between 11 and 14. These are the years when they need most help from their parents, but people and become more and

more shy."
He added: "The nightmare of the 1984 novel was Big one. But with children now it



Roberta Jones leaves Maidstone Prison yesterday after marrying Reggie Kray, the former gangland boss, at Maidstone prison. Kray, 63, married Miss Jones, 38, in the prison chapel followed by an alcohol-free reception at-tended by a handful of friends and relatives. Mark Goldstein, Kray's solicitor, said outside the prison gate: "Mr Kray and Miss Jones wish to thank their family and friends for their love and

support and look forward to

Kray weds in prison chapel

the time when Reggie is released and they can spend the rest of their lives together." The bride, wearing an ankle-length ivory beaded dress, arrived at the visitors' gate of the prison early in the Jeep by a female friend. Other relatives gathered in the pub across the road where flowers were delivered, including a bouquet from Reggie's elder brother Charlie, who is serving ten years for supplying cocaine. Reggie Kray is serving his 29th year of a 30-year sentence for the murder of Jack "The Hat" McVitie. His twin brother Ronnie died at Broadmoor top security hospital two years ago.

Workplace prank was not assault, sheriff rules

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FOUR men who bundled a woman colleague into a cage and left her hanging above a tank of acid were cleared of

Oasis sold 370,000 copies in its first week, the fastest-selling assault yesterday.

Ann Hogg, 32, said she had feared for her life during the in the charts. It will be rites-of-passage prank to mark her move to another performed live on Top of the Pops on Friday. The highest department. She was suspendfirst-week sale was Band Aid's ed inches above a 6ft-deep vat of acid for 15 minutes while her workmates went to the

Sheriff Alexander Eccles said that the men's action had been "moronic" but fell short of assault. "It was intended as a joke, albeit in very poor taste. The complainer was aware of the joke and had prepared for it."

Afterwards Miss Hogg, of Dundee, said: "If four men had grabbed me in the same

way on the street, then it would have been a clear case of assault. But the judge seems to think that it is acceptable. behaviour because they were my workmates. I feel humiliated."

The men, John Courts, 35, Allan Owens, 29, Grant Young, 28, and Kevin Docherty. 27, all Dundee, were sacked after the incident at GTC Gas Turbines Ltd., Dundee.

During the two-day trial Dundee Sheriff Court was told that Miss Hogg took a spare set of clothes to work on the night of September 13, expecting to be soaked with water or covered in flour and eggs.

She said that the prank "went over the top". "I was screaming and pleading with

bottom of the cage was only inches above the tank and it was sagging. What if they had pressed the wrong button?" Afterwards she said her

fingers were sore from clinging to the cage. The next morning she had muscle spasms in her neck and shoulders. She did not start her new job and had since been on

Ronald Tough, for the de fence, said that Miss Hogg had laughed off the incident at the time and had not been money was her motivation for

taking the case to court.

After the case Mr Young said: "It was just a practical joke. But we have paid for it with our jobs." The men plan to lodge a claim for unfair

Tall ships set sail from granite city

NINETY sailing ships will unfurt enough sail to cover 20 football pitches when they set sail from Aberdeen this afternoon at the start of the 1997 Cutty Sark Tall Ships race.

Up to 750,000 visitors to the quayside will be greeted by the sight of an armada of tall ships from 16 countries, including 15 square riggers, as they prepare to depart on the four-week voyage from Scotland to Norway and Sweden. According to the forecast, they will start in perfect conditions - occasional sunshine and bracing south and southwestto carry them

northeastwards into the North Sea. Among them will be the world's largest sailing ship, the Russian four-masted barque Sedov, built in 1921. It carries a

crew of 295, is 407ft long and has masts close to the height of Nelson's column. The nearest ship in size is the 360ft Mir.

also from Russia. The Sedov, formerly a merchant vessel which took part in the last grain race from Australia to Europe before the Second World War, can reach speeds of 15 knots. "It moves like a swan, it's magnificent," said Peter Smales, of the

Sail Training Association, based in Portsmouth, which organises the event. This year's race sees the largest number of class A square-rigged ships. up from Il last year. The minimum ship size is 35ft and a condition of entry is that at least half the crew are aged 16 from to 24. In total 2,000 youngsters are on board

The ships will race from the granite city to Trondheim in Norway on a 560

most point, will pass 150 miles outside the Arctic Circle. After four days in port the ships will then cruise, not racing, 430 nautical miles down the Norwegian coast to Stavanger. From there they will then begin the second and final race to Göteborg in Sweden, a 450 nautical mile voyage, after which the crews will enjoy five days of festivities that will start on

August 13.

They will be competing for the Cutty
Sark trophy, a foot-long silver model of
the famous tea clipper designed by the
Aberdonian Hercules Linton in the 1860s. The trophy will be awarded not to the race winners, but to the ship that does most to promote international friendship during the voyage.

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Coroners warn of public naivety

about drug taking Officials haunted by death toll, Russell Jenkins reports

FIVE coroners yesterday publicly expressed their anguish at what they believe is an alarming rise in the number of young people dying from drug addiction and overdoses, particularly of heroin and

methadone.

The coroners, all from Lan-cashire, said that there was "tremendous naivety" among the public about the scale of the drugs problem and young people's casual acceptance of the dangers. They said that the number of inquests into drug-related deaths had risen markedly in their courts in the

about 130 a year. Strictures from the coroner's bench on drugtaking appeared to fall on deaf ears. Andre Rebello, Coroner for Blackburn, said that he was haunted by the stunned and bewildered look on the faces of perents whose child-

There are no social strata that have not been touched by this problem. It affects everyone: every race and every culture."

People should not be complacent that the drugs problems will never affect them. It happens to the best of homes and to people with the greatest advantages in life."

It is unusual for coroners to speak out publicly on a particular issue, but the scale of the drug problem prompted the action by Mr Rebello, Howard McCann, Coroner for Preston, George Howson (Lancaster), and David Smith (Burnley), and Anne Hind, Deputy Coroner for Blackpool. Mrs Hind

said that she tried to impress upon people the sheer waste of a drug death by emphasising the sordidness and the fact that victims often choked on their own vomit. But frequently she was speaking to habit-ual drugtakers: You look around the court and you see a

row of dilated pupils." She was especially shocked by the death of a boy aged 17 who, with a friend, decided to stay in one night with a four-pack of beer and £10-worth of heroin. That was how they chose to spend the evening. He injected first and then his

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to 489 in 1994, the latest year

The figure rises considera-

bly when deaths from poisoning involving a controlled drug, both accidental or sui-

cide, are included. There were

442 accidental deaths in this

category in 1994 and 334 drug-

available.

friend. It is the casual acceptance of drugsas a way of life that is so Howson said: The death of an addict does not appear to serve as a warming to their friends. They listen to the evidence, they listen to how the person came to

die, and I repeat-

edly come to the conclusion that you are speak-ing with no effect whatsoever. There is simply a casual acceptance of that way of life and the dangers that it presents. They appear to have no concern for their own lives. Quite simply, they are playing Russian roulette."

Last week Mr Rebello met Jack Straw, the Home Secremethadone, the beroin substitute. Mr Rebello is critical of the way some GPs prescribe methadone in weekly doses. He believes that this creates a market in methodone and has led to 11 deaths in the past two years in his catchment area, Blackburn and Ribble Valley.

'I hope facts will shock drug users'

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MOTHER whose son 16. All three needed emergen-Daniel died at the age of 17. and Ecstasy; said she supported the coroners' outspo kenness. "I hope that the facts and figures they have revealed will shock those drug users across the country enough to force them to give up drugs altogether." Heather

Ashton said The death of her son, a schoolboy from Blackpool, Lancashire, two years ago was one of the first from Ecstasy to be publicised. The coroner's court was told that. he collapsed and died in hospital 12 hours after a visit

to a nightclub in the town.

He had sold "wraps" of amphetamine powder for between £10 and £15 each to his friends. Student witnesses told the inquest that Daniel. an A-level student at a sixthform college, sold the drug to his girlfriend Vanessa Watson and Andrew Aspden, both action."

cy treatment in hospital but only Daniel died "for some

Tapp, a Home Office pathologist, emphasised that there was no such thing as "safe" Ecstasy. He said: "Youngsters are getting the idea that is only the so-called contaminated Ecstasy that causes these effects, and are being bulled into a false state of security.

They ought to be aware that it is pure Eestasy that causes deaths such as these

and nothing else. It is entirely unpredictable." George Howson, the Coro-ner for Lancaster, said that he was shocked into speaking out by the case that came studying for her A levels. She went upstairs one day, took

an overdose and later died. He said: "There appeared to be no reason for this

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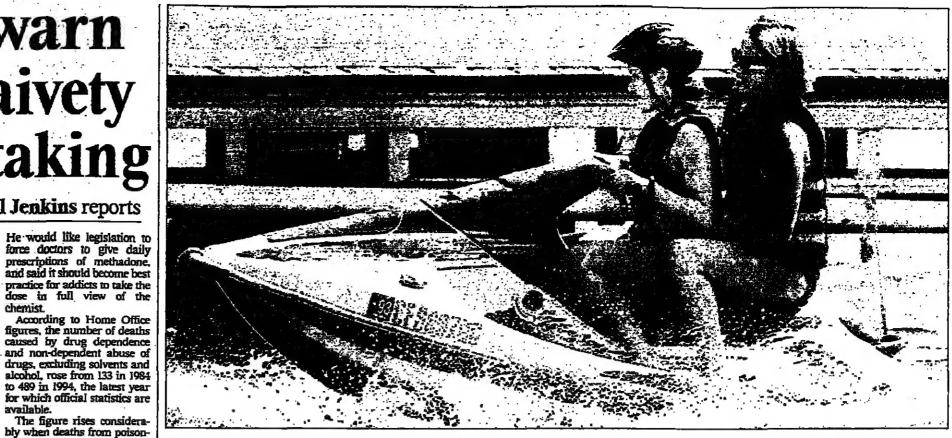
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Diana, Princess of Wales, appeared carefree yesterday as she took a jet-ski ride off St Tropez on the French Riviera. She is on holiday as a guest of Mohammed Al Fayed (Alan

Drug victims are predomi-Hamilton writes). nantly male, between 18 and Her only worry seemed to unemployed, and often from a broken family. tographers. At one point she

Carefree Princess joins the jet-ski set

them and to ask how long they intended to taking pictures of her sons. intended to continue

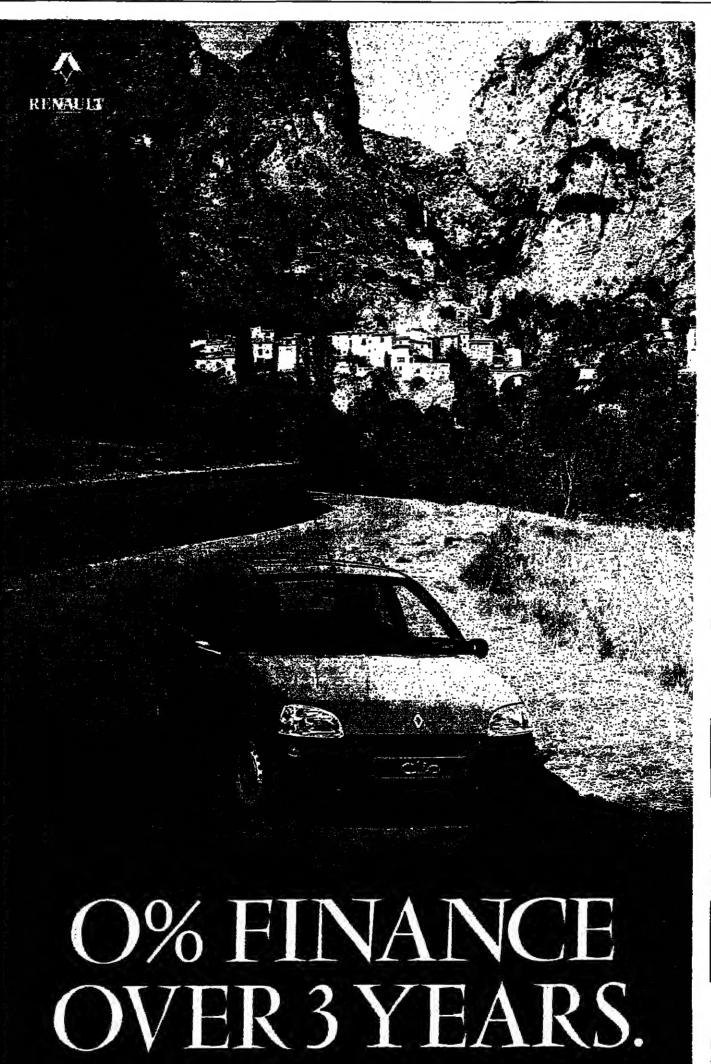
The Princess was apparently oblivious to the criticism of some Tory MPs that she

should not have accepted the hospitality of the chairman of Harrods at his Riviera villa. The unresolved question of the Princess's holiday re-

exact destination. Buckingham Palace yesterday con-firmed that the Queen had been aware that her grandchildren were being taken on mained whether she fully informed the Queen and the a foreign holiday, but they

refused to confirm whether mother-in-law exactly where

Mr Al Fayed's spokesman in London said that the Spencer and Al Fayed families had been friends for many years. and that the Princess's father had been a particular friend of Mr Al Fayed.



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Harding's widow agrees £25m deal for his mistress









Mistress: Vicky Jaramillo

THE widow of Manhew Harding, the businessman killed in a helicopter crash last year. has respected his wishes by agreeing that his mistress and illegitimate child should re-£25 million

Mr Harding, 42, the Chel-sea Football Club vice-chairman. left up to £200 million in ary trust to be administered by two close friends. He asked that his widow Ruth, his mistress and all his five children should all be properly

Mrs Harding, also 42, and their four children are to get at least £50 million, giving them an expected annual income of about 12 million. And in a move to prevent any acrimony over the estate, she has agreed that Vicky Jaramillo, 26, an Ecuadorian-born former waitress who met Mr Harding in 1991 and has a two-year-old daughter. Ella, from their relationship, should also

Maggie Nugent, one of the will's two executors, who was Mr Hurding's personal assistant, said: "Matthew's wishes were for Ruth and Vicky, and the children, to be looked after and Ruth has gone along with

"It just shows what a kind and curing person she is. There are no arguments over

the will, as so many people

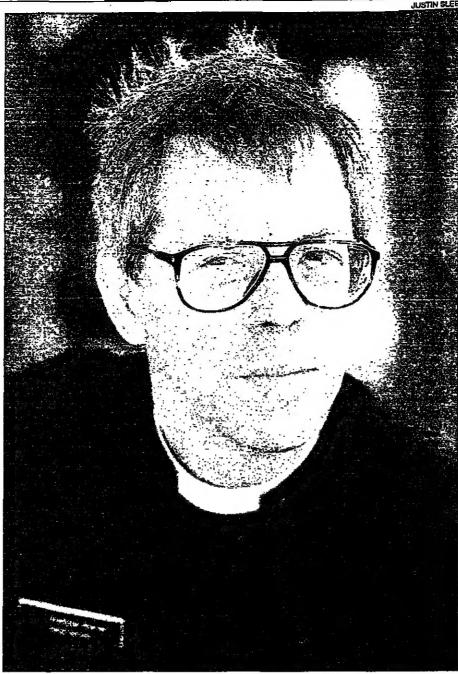
predicted there would be." The amounts given to the two women in Mr Harding's life are not fixed sums, as a large part of the money is still tied up in shares and other

Much of his estate consists of sizeable stakes in Chelsea Village, the holding company for the Premiership football club, and Benfield, the insurance group where he made his

Mr Harding was one of Britain's wealthiest men. Before his death, he had pledged £1 million to the Labour Party He died with three friends and the helicopter's pilot in the crash near Middlewich. Cheshire, while travelling back to London after watching Chelsea's Coca-Cola Cup de

feat at Bolton. The popular tycoon met his wife on the terraces at Chelsea at the age of lo. and they married six years later, having four children: Hannah, now 18. Luke, 15. and twins Patrick and Joel, 12.

A report into the crash from the Department of Transport's Air Accidents investigation Branch is not expected for several months. Such inquiries take an average of a year. Mr Harding's inquest has heen opened and adjourned until the end of that investiga-



Mr Beaver, head of the Church's media unit, at the General Synod yesterday

How a Vietnam veteran became a man of a man of God

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

of a growing number of men and women in high-powered jobs who find that the material world fails to satisfy their spiritual needs, and who are

opting for ordination. Mr Beaver, 51, a Vietnam veteran. former infantryman and intelligence expert. was the director of marketing at the Industrial Society when a letter arrived inviting him to apply for the job of director of Church of England.

His salary remains a closely-guarded secret, but PR eek has estimated he took a 50 per cent cut to join the church, a figure he does not deny. His nickname at the General Synod, "Have a Beer Beaver, is derived from his habit of offering visitors to the press office a drink the noment they enter.

During a brief respite at the synod yesterday, where he joined York University security staff to help control the lively demonstrations mounted by protesters from the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, he described his transition from highflying corporate marketing executive to full-time servant of the church.

Mr Beaver came to Britain from Colorado in 1971 to study history at Oxford. where it was suggested that he consider becoming a priest. He was ordained in

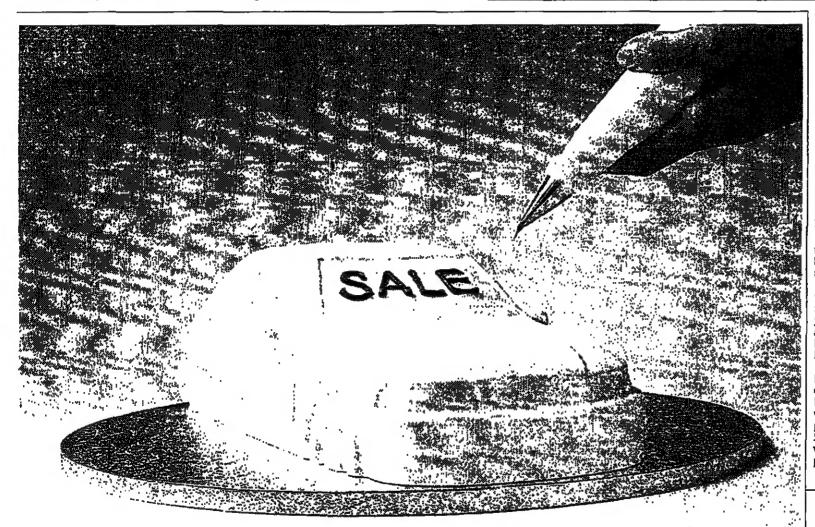
THE Rev Bill Beaver is one 1982, at the age of 36, but remained in the non-stipendiary ministry while he pursued a career in communications and market-

> Mr Beaver helped turn the Industrial Society into one of Europe's largest independent development groups on employment practices. Before that he was corporate affairs director at the NatWest Bank. In the meantime, he spent every Sunday working as a curate in Brixton, south

Both the bank and the society tried to persuade him to drive company cars. "I Brixton should have one so I pushed them to give me a bicycle instead," he said.

Before that, he was the man who took the "Dr" out of Barnardo's, Britain's largest there from the advertising company J Walter Thompson, where he was an account executive. His wife, Sarah, whom he met at Oxford, is a senior civil servant in the Ministry of Defence.

Vocations are increasing, partly because of the times we have come through." he said yesterday. "People are realising that there is more to life than they have had before. They are also realising that they have more to offer than they have been asked to give before."



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Mears beaten for Law Society post

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PHILLIP SYCAMORE swept to victory in the Law Society's election for president yester-day, beating Martin Mears, the maverick council member who took the society by storm in winning the presidency two years ago and outraging many vith his outspoken comments.

In a low turn-out - just more than 30 per cent of the 83,000 solicitors in England and Wales entitled to vote -Mr Sycamore took about twothirds of the vote. Mr Sycamore. becomes the youngest president in the organisation's 152-year history. He won 16.878 votes against

Mr Mears's 8,148. Michael Mathews attracted 16,497 votes for vice-president compared with 8.161 for David Keating, Robert Sayer, who was Mr Mears's vicepresident but who joined Mr. Sycamore earlier this year. was elected as deputy vicepresident with 17,245 votes. Mr Sycamore, a medical

negligence practitioner with Lonsdales, a small Lancashire firm, said: "This is a vote for progress, not politics." His priority was to build a "sound and robust" relationship with the Government, which was committed to reviewing issues clients. he said. "We must be prepared to demonstrate that we are open-minded and con-structive, while vigorously defending the interests of the profession and its clients."

Despite the recent disclo sure of an election tactics meeting held by Mr Syca-more's team and the discussion of "dirty tricks" to mar Mr Mears's chances, Tony Girling, the society's current president, said the election had not been fought by dirty tricks, nor won by them.

Last night Mr Mears congratulated Mr Sycamore's team: "I wish them well in their efforts on behalf of the Law Society and the profession."

| Thieves fire at RAF man outside base

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN OFF-DUTY RAF policeman was shot at yesterday after he tried to arrest two men who were attempting to steal a car outside an air base.

The corporal was unhurt by the shots, which were fired after he had wrestled one of the men to the ground outside RAF Northolt in west London.

The base is used for flights by the Royal Family and politicians. Scotland Yard said that the incident was not terrorist-related woman said: challenged, it is believed one man pulled out a firearm and fired a number of shots. Both

men made off." The men had been spotted attempting to break into a car parked beside the perimeter. Afterwards police sealed off surrounding roads and carusing dogs. Police helicopters were also called in to try to find the men.

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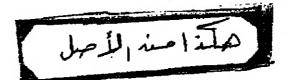
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'Child-minder 'killed baby girl in a fit of temper'

A-REGISTERED child-minder threw a four-month-old girl against a hard surface with such force that her skull was fractured in two places, a court was told yesterday. Angela Lee. 46, a mother of two, was said to have lost her

temper when Danielle Firth failed to settle or feed. Mrs Lee denies murdering the baby and claims she toppled from her child seat on to a toy castle. Louise Godfrey, QC, for the prosecution, told Leeds Crown Court that a post-mortem examination showed five separate areas of bruising to the child's face, including her left eyebrow, ear, nose and jaw-line. They may have been caused by separate incidents or impacts, with the baby's face being pulled around, probably to feed, causing bruises to her face, her head being hit on some surface causing fractures to the scalp, or being thrown or propelled with such force that her brain rattled about inside her head. causing internal bleeding and a swollen brain from which

Danielle, the daughter of



Angela Lee, the child-minder, who claimed that Danielle Firth had fallen out of her child seat

Barry Firth, a financial adviser, and his wife Piera, from Denby Dale in west Yorkshire, had been in Mrs Lee's

care for ten days when she died in February 1996.

Mrs Lee, a registered childminder with Kirkless Social Services for seven years, had said the baby fell as she was preparing lunch for her own son, Alex, 4, and another child in her care. The jury was told that Mrs

Lee, also of Denby Dale, had put the child down to sleep while the other children ate their meal. When she checked

her 45 minutes later she had found her "pale and floppy". She had rung for an ambufather at work and begun mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The baby had been pro-nounced dead on arrival at Barnsley District General Hospital less than 30 minutes

Miss Godfrey said: The Crown says that for whatever reason, probably the baby wouldn't settle or feed, the defendant lost her temper and beat her to the extent that she

at the time she inflicted those injuries, whatever her regrets afterwards, must at the very least have been to cause that little baby very serious harm."

After her arrest, Mrs Lee had given conflicting accounts of what happened to police. Miss Godfrey said: "She was concealing the truth as to what she had, in fact, done to the

"She described her as a struggler who wouldn't feed and a wriggler who was difficult to undress. She said the baby was spoilt a little bit and that her mother used to pick her up every time she murmured. She said the baby was a crier."

Questioned by Robert Smith, QC, for the defence, Mrs Firth agreed Mrs Lee had a tidy home and her own children appeared healthy and well cared for. "She was mature and seemed more capable than the others. She was an experienced lady, or she led me to believe she was." Mr Firth agreed that Mrs Lee was carefully chosen from

a range of applicants. The trial



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Sharon Howells, who lost her sight when she gave birth to Kelly-Marie, can now see her for the first time

Glasses let 'blind' mother see daughter

A MOTHER who went blind while giving birth six months ago has seen her daughter for the first time, thanks to a recently thought she could see the vague £59 pair of reading spectacles (Simon de

Bruxelles writes).
Sharon Howells was told by doctors that there was unlikely to be any

moment I'll never forget. I looked at her huge blue eyes and felt tears pouring down my cheeks."

Dr Peter Collins, of University outline of the face of Kelly-Marie. She turned for help to her local opti-Hospital of Wales. Cardiff. said: "The cian, Chris Williams, at Llantwit Major, disorder caused the red blood cells to Vale of Glamorgan, who supplied a pair of reading spectacles. Mrs Howells said: "Seeing Kelly for the first time is a fragment and this damaged her eyes." improvement for at least two years, if at Despite the improvement. Mrs Howells all, after she lost her sight as the result of

Gang leaders forfeit £4.5m drugs profits

A CAREER switch from armed robbery to drug smuggling ended in jail for a south London gang yesterday. They were also ordered to hand over profits of £4.5 million.

The gang included Antony
White, who had previously
walked free after being implicated in the Brink's-Mat gold
bullion robbery. White, 53,
from Catford was given 11. from Catford, was given 11's years as a principal organiser of the syndicate which tried to import at least £65 million of drugs from South America, Europe and

He was arrested after Cuslaunched. August 1993 when south London gangs were suspected of getting involved in the ducrative drugs trade. White admitted smuggling £7 million of cocaine through Dover, and cannabis worth £250,000

through Portsmouth. John Short, 58, described as White's most trusted lieutenant, was given 912 years at Bristol Crown Court. Judge Foley said their sentences were low as they had pleaded

guilty.
The gang's third leader,
Brian Doran, 52, originally
from Glasgow, was jailed for
25 years over cocaine worth
£34 million shipped to Pevensey Bay, East Sussex. His righthand man Kenneth Togher, 33, of Brompton Park Court, Fulham, London, was also given 25 years. Togher's wife Madeline had been acquitted of involvement in the

conspiracy. Doran was ordered to pay to the Crown E2,091.084 and Togher £2,410,281 in drug dealing

Police believe that he and other gang members were the target of a hit squad sent by the Colombian drug cartels, which led to massive security surrounding the trial.

Five other men — Stephen McKeown, Dermot Trainor, 34, George Caccavale, 56, and Robin Sargent, 54, and Ter-ence Reeves, 49 — were given sentences ranging from eight to 18 years. Four other lesser

Customs officers posing as drug smugglers had to be rescued by a passing freighter when their tug sank with four tonnes of Moroccan cannabis during a storm in the Bay of Biscay, Exeter Crown Court was told yesterday. The tug Adherence II was

acting as a link in a smuggling cannabis in a rendezvous with a yacht when the storm struck. The officers replaced the lost cargo with £12 million-worth of cannabis from Customs stores and made for another rendevous with the gang's shore party, when the drug was taken ashore in a rigit inflatable at Falmouth.

Nine of the alleged drug runners are denying conspiracy to smuggle the cannabis. The jury has heard that four of the organisers have already pleaded guilty. The trial

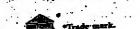








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BRITAIN is to lead an initia-tive to ban tobacco advertising and sponsorship throughout the European Union by 2000, as government statistics disclosed that an increasing number of children are becoming addicted to cigarettes.

to a habit that kills half a million people a year in EU countries will be started by Britain when it takes over presidency of the Union in the first half of next year. Padraig Flynn, the Irish European Commissioner responsible for social affairs, told the conference that thanks to the commitment of the British Government, he looked forward "in the very near future" to the day when children in Europe children would no longer be exposed to tobacco

advertising. Yesterday's government-organised Anti-Tobacco Summit was held against the background of new figures from the Office for National Statistics which show that while adults are turning away from tobacco, more children are becoming addicted. Last year 13 per cent of children in England aged between II and 15 smoked at least one cigarette a week, compared with 12 per cent in 1994. In Scotland. 14 per cent of 12 to 15-year-olds were regular smokers.

Britain plans to

take the lead in Europe with an anti-smoking

crusade, reports

Ian Murray

for girls: 15 per cent smoke regularly compared with 11 per cent in 1993 and 13 per cent

To counter the trend the Government is considering raising the legal age for smok-ing from 16 to 18, and possibly introducing an official card as proof of age. Higher taxation, bans on smoking in public places and a health education programme are other possibil-

Speakers at the conference criticised the way that tobacco sponsorship made smoking glamorous to appeal to the young. That was why the tobacco industry was so keen to hang on to motor racing. and was threatening to withdraw sponsorship from motor racing in those countries in which a ban is introduced, which may encourage the



Jowell: new legislation

Branson said that he was ready to set up his own Formula One racing

championship.
"I am ready to call their bluff on this." Mr Branson said. "Virgin will set up a rival spectacle worldwide if the tobacco companies try to do this. However, the chances of this happening are quite small because I don't believe these companies are able to blackmail governments into thinking their country will lose a key sport if tobacco sponsorship ends."

Mr Branson said that tobacco sponsorship made it possible to pay grand prix drivers inflated salaries and perfectly good drivers could be found for a fraction of the money. "Instead of Formula One it might even be better to set up a rival Indy car racing circuit. clean of all involvement with counter this threat Richard tobacco. Indy racing is more exciting anyway." He said Virgin was also ready to step in to sponsor cricket.

He said the Government could afford to replace the £10 million tobacco companies spend on sports sponsorship in Britain since every year the Treasury obtained £120 million in revenue from the 50 million packets of cigarettes sold to children aged between II and I5. The tax from these illegal sales was enough to fund the £120 million needed for an anti-smoking education programme.
Tessa Jowell, the Public

Health Minister, told the conference that the Government would bring out a White Paper on ways to curb smoking by the end of the year, and legislation banning all tobacco advertising, including sponsorship, would be in the Queen's Speech next year. There would be a phased withdrawal of sponsorship. "We are determined to get to the next millennium without tobacco, but with sports and the arts intact," she said.

Smoking not only killed but was also a major source of health inequality, with the poor more addicted than the wealthy. "If you want to track poverty and disadvantage then look at the smoking

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Although fewer adults are smoking, more children are becoming addicted

The addiction that gives babies a smaller chance in life

MEDICAL BRIEFING

TEENAGE girls are now just as likely to smoke as boys. In some communities, they are more likely.

This may store up problems. Less than a quarter of women smokers give up when they become preg-nant Smoking remains a frequent cause of babies being smaller than would otherwise be expected. The babies born to smoking mothers are an average of half a pound lighter, and appreciably shorter. than those born to non-smokers. This could be of immediate importance to a baby who is already small as the result of a pre-term birth. In the long term, smaller

bables are more likely to develop high blood pressure and heart

It is unusual for babies to be abnormally small only as the result nourishment in the mother's fare.

of the mother's diet. Although near starvation will affect birth weight. even the low birth weight of children born to mothers in extreme poverty is more likely to be related to the mother's strenuous lifestyle, lack of rest and the consequent failure of the uterfrom smoking mothers shorter and placental blood supply delivering lighter, but the mothers are also essential nutrients, than to a lack of more likely to have a miscarriage, to go into labour early, or to suffer Cigarette smoking is one of the

factors which can limit the efficiency of the uter-placental circulation, and hence damage the nutritional lifeline essential to proper growth. Not only are the babies

placental detachment and haemorrhage during the pregnancy. The babies of smoking mothers also have a higher incidence of foetal neurological abnormalities such as spina bifida, cleft palates and hare lips, and congenital heart disease. As these groups of congenital

as smoking causes a reduction in blood folate levels, it will be interesting to see if the situation is eased when more women are persuaded to take additional folic acid when planning to become

The brain develops at a greater rate in the uterus and in the first year or two of life, than at any other time. If a baby is deprived of adequate nutrition in the uterus. whether from smoking or any other cause, it could well have long-term effects on mental development.

later life, and it has been claimed that there may be some comparative intellectual loss which persists into school years.

It has also been reported that the children have more behavioural problems. It has always been difficult to sort out whether this increase is the result of damage to the brain in utero, or of the mother's genetic make-up being handed on to the child.

Mothers who smoke may give drome birth to tearaways

By NICK NUTTALL

WOMEN who smoke ten cigarettes or more a day during pregnancy and have male children are far more likely to have boys who become troublemakers, scientists claim.

The risk of so-called "conduct disorder" is more than four times higher in boys whose mothers smoked at least half a packet of cigarettes a day in pregnancy compared with women who smoked fewer than ten cigarettes a day or none at all. The findings, published in the Archives of General Psychia-try, come from a study of 171 boys aged 7 to 12. They were studied for six years.

The researchers, from the University of Chicago and led by Lauren Wakschlag, defined conduct disorder as frequently and persistently engaging in a variety of serious anti-social behaviour, including lying, stealing, physical cruelty, arson and vandalism. Boys who carried out at least three of these activites for at least six months were diagnosed as having the disorder.

Dr Wakschlag said the

women and children involved in the study were attending clinics because the boys were suffering from mild to severe deliquency. She said: found those mothers who had not smoked had a 50-50 chance of having a boy with conduct disorder. The group that smoked up to half a pack a day had a 70 per cent chance. In the group that smoked more than ten cigarettes a day there was an 80 per cent chance of an offspring with conduct disorder."

She said the team had tried to screen out socio-economic background and factors such as violence in the family. The researchers are about to launch another study into the effects of smoking in pregnan-STUTTAFORD cy on boys and girls.

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M25 rail station plan threatens green belt

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to build a "motoristfriendly" railway station on green-belt land just inside the M25 may pitch the train industry into battle with environmental campaigners.

Ministers are nervous about the proposals to use a greenbelt area for the first of a new string of "parkways" - stations near motorway junctions - to encourage motorists to divide long-distance journeys between car and train.

The affluent Hertfordshire community of Hadley Wood has been targeted as an ideal site for the first parkway inside the M25. The proposed new station, with more than 1,000 parking spaces, is seen by rail executives as perfect for encouraging motorists in Hertfordshire, Essex, Buckinghamshire and north London to park easily and complete their journeys by train, either into London or to

the North East and Scotland. Transport ministers led by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, are forming a long-term strategy to integrate different modes of travel. However, the proposal could draw ministers into a planning dispute with residents of an area that has Grade II listed Georgian houses and properties in the £1 millionplus range. The prospect of drawing more traffic onto an increasingly congested stretch of road also raises problems.

Although parkway stations are not new — the first opened at Bristol 25 years ago — there is a fresh drive to site stations close to the main motorways. When the £12 million Luton Parkway, near the M1 and Luton airport, opens next year, it will become the fifth after Bristol, Didcot in Oxfordshire, Tiverton in Devon and Haddenham and Thame in are being examined near the MI and M6. Hadley Wood's small sta-

tion, which is on the East Coast main line and West Anglia Great Northern line. would be enlarged on farmland owned by Enfield bor-ough council. It is unlikely to be built before 2000. Christopher Garnett, chief executive of Great North Eastern Railway, said that the parkway would make "a real differ ence" to thousands of travellers, but added that it could create problems for his company, which is already coping

passengers. Richard Course. chairman of Labour-controlled Enfield's environment committee, said: "We have to decide whether it is a price worth paying to give up a bit of green-belt land to help improve health by reducing traffic congestion. I think it is." GNER also hopes to create Doncaster, Edinburgh, and possibly Nottingham.

Leading article, page 21 Euston to get check-in lounge

AIRPORT-STYLE departure lounges with children's play areas are planned for the railways (Arthur Leathley

Richard Branson's Virgin train group will open a recep-tion area, retail outlets and pre-booking facilities early next year at Euston station, the London terminal for the West Coast main line. The changes come as Virgin an-nounced an increase in advance ticket sales, but managers insist that the plans do not mean the end of the turn-upand-go system.

However, the new 200-seat lounge for standard-class passengers, which can be used by travellers on other lines, is intended to encourage more people to arrive at the station before departure time. Ticket-collection machines are also likely to steer more passengers away from conTickets will be collected by simply swiping a credit card in the machine.

Dominic Ryan, for Virgin trains, said: "At the moment people have to book five days ahead for tickets to reach them. This way they can check that there is space available by phone and pay at the machine. We think people will find it a better way of finding tickets."

Hospital doctor dies from CJD

By Paul WILKINSON

A HOSPITAL doctor has died from Creuzfeldt-Jakob disease more than 20 years after being treated with a contaminated batch of growth hor-mone. Neil Kreibich, 37, a married father of three, is thought to have contracted the disease from the hormone. Until he was diagnosed as a

possible victim of CJD - the human form of "mad cow" disease - more than a year ago, he worked as an orthopaedic surgeon at the Free-man Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne. A post-mortem examination will be carried out today. Growth hormone injections

made from the glands of humans were used until the mid-1980s to treat people who suffered from stunted growth in their youth. Nine people across Britain are believed to have died from CJD after being treated with contami-nated hormones from the pituitary glands of corpses.

A spokeswoman for County Durham Health Authority said: "It is important to stress that it [CJD] cannot be passed from person to person. Some people may be concerned but there is no reason to be." Mr Kreibich qualified in

1984 at Newcastle University He worked at hospitals in Newcastle, Sheffield and Canada. CJD can be confirmed only by a post-mortem examination, but when doctors toldhim of their suspicions, he and his wife Liz set up a trust fu for their children.

Yesterday his family said: a statement: "Neil died peac fully on July 11 from an illne believed to be Creutzfeld Jakob disease. His family would like to thank all those people who have offered their

kindness and support."

Mrs Kreibich and their children Anna, 5, William, 3, and Robert, 1, were being comforted by friends at their home in Jesmond, Newcastle. Phil Taylor, a Newcastle GP and a close friend of Mr Kreibich, said: He had growth hormone treatment 20 years ago and, as we now know, some batches were infected. The disease meant his co-ordination began to go. He needed a lot of nursing and Liz helped him tremendously. as did the social services and Marie Curie Cancer Care. Neil was tremendously wellliked. He was a great family and





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£2m boost for Gulf syndrome research

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL.

FUNDING for medical re-search into Gulf War syndrome, and for practical help for sufferers, is to be doubled. The Government's initiative, announced yesterday, will involve spending £6.5 milfrom over three years. John Reid, Minister for the Armed Forces, said that the new money included £2.25 million for research into the health effects of vaccines and tablets.

given to troops to protect them against the threat of biological and chemical warfare.

Announcing the initiative in the House of Commons, he accepted the "debt of honour" owed to the Gulf War veterans when he outlined 20 key areas of practical help. Although there was still no medical or scientific consensus on the syndrome, he acknowledged that victims were frustrated at

the lack of progress.

He said: "We have a duty to discharge our responsibilities in respect of those who have served their country. I aim to see we do just that. We want to be open and honest with them and enter into a dialogue with them. They don't want fine words and sympathy, they want practical help."

Tony Flint, 49, co-ordinator for the National Gulf Veterans and Families Association, said: This announcement is: long overdue. I feel great relief that someone is at last listen-

ing to us." Tim Pitman, 26, a fellow veteran and sufferer, said: I'm overwhelmed. The new Government's approach appears to be much more sympa-thetic. They recognise that people are ill and dying and are prepared to act."

The research work will be carried out at the Ministry of Defence's Chemical Research Establishment at Porton Down Wileshire About 1,500



The Ministry of Defence is testing ten tents used by British servicemen in the Gulf War for organophos-phate pesticides after they were bought by a Scout leader. The tents were purchased at auction in 1993 and used as dining shelters. The MoD said initial scientific advice was reassuring. A spokesman said the tents were being examined at the Scout Association's request.
The tests are now under way and the results will be made public as soon as they are available."

veterans have complained of a variety of unexplained symp-toms since returning from the Gulf. Some fear they have passed illnesses on to their wives and children. Among symptoms they have com-plained of are chest problems. wasted muscles, chronic fatigue, memory loss, headaches, cramps and diarrhoea. Dr Reid, who met veterans'

representatives over a working hunch yesterday, said han-dling of the issue would be guided by three principles. Veterans would have prompt access to medical advice from the MoD Medical Assessment Programme (MAP); the ministry would ensure appropriate research was carried out into veterans' illnesses and factors that might have a bearing on them; and the ministry would make available to the public in general, and to veterans in particular, information of porential relevance.

Dr Reid said in the Commons that he questioned the motives of nobody at the time of the Gulf War. We took what measures were thought necessary to protect our troops. Like anything else in fife, mistakes may have been made. I have asked for explanations of what happened,

Dr Reid also announced that no-fault compensation would continue to be provided for sick veterans in addition to normal service pensions. He emphasised that service personnel were entitled to sue for MoD on the same basis as employees of other or isations, and that if further investigations or research established liability, the MoD would pay. The MoD said 1,285 Guif

veterans had applied for pensions, of which some 295 relate



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The walkway on the site of 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, former home of Frederick and Rosemary West, after its opening yesterday

Walkway paves over 'house of horrors'

GLOUCESTER yesterday tried to erase for ever evidence of its house of horrors when a shrub-lined walkway was unveiled on the site of 25 Cromwell Street, the former home of the mass murderers Frederick and Rosemary West (Tim Jones writes).

No relatives of the nine young women and girls murdered at the house were present, and it was agreed that no plaque or memorial garden should be placed on the site or benches provided.

council leader, said: "We want this to be the end of a tragic chapter in this city's history. The walkway is the result of a full consultation with the victims' families and the

neighbours."
The I50ft-long walkway, built at a cost of £43,000, links Cromwell Street to a nearby square The council paid £45,000 to buy the Wests' semi-detached home and razed it to the ground to deter sightseers and souvenir hunters.



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Why we need a national debate now on the constitution

The Blair Government has day. Lord Irvine of Lairg wrote proved adroit at orchestratinal land have no fear that the ing publicity for its various initiatives, enlisting leading businessmen, sports and showbusiness stars, and, even, the Prince of Wales in support. Yet on constitutional reform, its most distinctive and radical policy, there was been virtual silence. A week ago. I argued that the Government was failing to explain how the half dozen constitutional measures in

the current session connect with each other and where they lead. This brought a magisterial response from no less than the Lord

programme is piecemeal or that its interconnections are not being thought through. He is busy chairing three Cabinet committees on constitutional proposals to ensure that the linkages are got right. But this is, at most, a conditional defence until we see the detailed

The need for the Government to do more to explain itself was convincingly made last night at a CIPFA/Times lecture by Robert Hazell, who ran the Constitution

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

reports on how reform might work. He noted that very big changes in our system of govern-ment are being proposed, but the silence about them has been deafening, apart from Gordon Brown who put the case for a new constitutional settlement at the Charter 88/Economist constitutional convention on Saturday. As Mr Hazell argues, there is an urgent need to explain why these changes are necessary, as well how they will occur. Contrary to the

fear of some reformers that minis- separate Secretaries of State, genters are watering down the constitutional agenda, Mr Hazell is rightly worried that they are trying to do too much, too quickly and in an incoherent way.

The English, he argues, could be pardonably forgiven for thinking that devolution is some special deal for the Scots and the Welsh, because no one has troubled to tell us otherwise". At present, the English support devolution, but this cannot be taken for granted once the terms of the changes emerge. Scotland and Wales are currently privileged compared with England since they have

erous levels of public expenditure related to an assessment of need now 20 years of date, and are overrepresented in the Commons.

These privileges need to be addressed in next week's White Papers on devolution and plans should be made for removal over time, though there is no sign yet that the Government is aware of the need to address English, as well as Scottish and Weish, con-cerns. Mr Hazell argues these changes are necessary to make asymmetrical, non-uniform devolution acceptable, in effect a roughand-ready political response to the

that the UK has never been a pure unitary state, but have always had differing legal and administrative arrangements, as well as legislative devolution in Northern Ireland for half a century. But goodwill is necessary since if the privileges of the Scots continue post-devolution, the rest of us can be forgiven for thinking that the Scots are being allowed to have

The Government also needs to be more forthcoming on Lords reform. All the current attention is peers. But, as Mr Hazell argues,

their cake and eat it".

West Lothian question. He argues the composition of the Lords is the final issue that should be addressed, after decisions have been taken on its role, functions and powers. That, of course, means relations with the Commons. Failure to offer an answer to this question doomed Lords reform

among MPs 30 years ago.

Despite Lord Irvine's protests and Mr Brown's speech, the Government is still not treating constitutional reform as a coherent whole. It has launched a debate on raising standards in schools. We now need one on the constitution.

PETER RIDDELL

Prince teams up with Blair on Welfare-to-Work

Gillian Bowditch on a high-profile partnership that aims to help the thousands of young unemployed

THE Prince of Wales cemented his relationship with Tony Blair's Government yesterday by announcing a joint effort to unemployed young

people into work. The initiative has led to criticism that the Prince is becoming involved in politics and aligning himself too closely with Labour. But yesterday he was relaxed as he shared a platform with Donald Dewar. the Scottish Secretary, and announced co-operation between The Prince's Trust volunteer scheme and Labour's Welfare-to-Work programme.

Mr Blair has promised to move 250,000 long-term unemployed young people out of the dole queue — 25,000 of the dole queue them in Scotland. The Prince, however, claimed the credit. Addressing an audience of employers in Glasgow, he said: "I'm delighted that the Government is considering some of the lessons learnt by my programme as it develops its New Deal for unemployed young people and also its plan or the millennium volunteer."

Yesterday's public engagement marked the start of a week of political meetings for the Prince. Today he meets

hosted by Business in the Community at which the Chancellor will call on employers to make Welfare-to-

Work a success. On Wednesday officials from the Prince's Trust meet three ministers, Alun Michael from the Home Office, Andrew Smith from the Department of Employment and Michael Meacher from the Department of Environment. They will discuss plans to use the 12-week Prince's Trust volunteer scheme as a gateway to Welfare-to-Work.

Under the joint initiative, unemployed young people who have completed the Prince's Trust scheme will be encouraged to join a Welfareto-Work scheme. Employers, who are concerned at the calibre of trainees they will be expected to take on through Welfare-to-Work, will be reassured if trainees have already acquired skills and discipline. Later in the week the Prince will have meetings with David

Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary.

Yesterday Mr Dewar praised the efforts of the trust,

teer programme bringing together teams of up to 25 people, some employed and some unemployed, in community projects. The audience at Strathclyde University was told that within three months of leaving the programme two-thirds of the unemployed volunteers had found jobs or

gone on to further education. Mr Dewar played down the political significance of yesterday's event by saying that he had inherited the engagement from his Tory predecessor, Michael Forsyth, and pointing out that representives of the Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and Scottish Nationalists were in the audience.

But he made no effort to disguise the Government's debt to the Prince of Wales. "The Prince's Trust does catch the spirit of the times in many ways and, perhaps belatedly, the Government is coming up behind it with the Welfare-to-Work programme.

"I see them as very much complementary and acting together. It's a challenge that we face. The Prince's Trust volunteers have accepted that chailenge and the schemes have a remarkable record in getting



Speaker joins defence of MPs' radio favourite

By Carol Midgley and Polly Newton

THE Speaker of the Commons, Betty Boothroyd, has joined the campaign to save the threatened Radio 4 programme Yesterday in

Miss Boothroyd declared herself a fan of the 20-minute morning programme yester-day and promised to urge the BBC not to scrap it as part of a general reorganisation of Radio 4 by the controller,

James Boyle. Several MPs spoke up in Parliament to express their concern over its future and bemoan the lack of media reporting of Parliament. Miss Boothroyd said their concernwas shared by millions of people and I certainly share it

Suggesting that the matter be referred to the National Heritage Select Committee, Miss Boothroyd said: "In knowing the views of this House, I will certainly make representations on behalf of the House to the BBC myself."

She spoke out as the broad-caster Melvyn Bragg, who hosts Radio 4's Start The Week, said that he would leave if his programme was dumbed down. He said: If they want it to go down

Yesterday in Parliament, which provides a snapshot of the previous day's debates in the Commons, is compulsory

a sister programme, Today in Parliament, on late at night. David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, who raised the matter with the Speaker, said there was a suggestion that Yesterday in Parliament would be replaced with a run the BBC should not come to the view that what we do here is of no importance, and some panel discussion can take place and we should be satisfied with it."

Sir Patrick Cormack, Deputy Shadow Leader of the House, asked Miss Boothroyd, in representing all MPs, "at the very least to convey to the BBC how much importance we attach to these two programmes and how greatly they are valued by our

Denis MacShane (Lab. Rotherham) said that Yesterday in Parliament was for many people their only source of parliamentary news that was not "filtered" by journalists. "Were it to be axed, I wonder if the support in this House for the continuance of publicly funded broadcast in the form of the BBC would not take a serious knock."

said: "We acknowledge the concern voiced by the Speaker and MPs about the rumours concerning this programme but until the review is completed at the end of the month we

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Labour MP attacks 'Stalinist' leadership

TONY BLAIR'S proposed new controls over the selection of Labour candidates were attacked as "Stalinist" by a left-wing backbencher yesterday (Philip Webster

At this year's conference Mr Blair plans to strengthen Labour's central tnembership register so that all candidates are vetted before local parties make their choices. Ronnie Campbell, MP for

Blyth Valley and a former miner, fears that the leadership is trying to prevent working class people being chosen because they want middle class "clones". He is a regular critic of the leadership, but his complaint is one of a number

from the Left about authoritarian tactics. Mr Campbell said: "If you are a goodie-goodie clone you are going to be in. But if you are on the Left you are on

your bike. We will only have candidates who are well-educated and well-groomed and certainly don't come from working-

class backgrounds like me. "It's like Stalin rising from the dead. This is just how they went on in Russia when he was in power. If someone didn't agree with him he got rid of them. That's not what the traditions of the Labour Party are about."

NEWS IN BRIEF Peers raise prospect of more power

Tory peers raised the prospect

vesterday of consitutional reforms enabling the House of Lords to become a "people's champion" with power to force the Government to hold referendums on controversial matters. Lord Cranborne, Fory leader in the Lords, said: "A reformed House of Lords might have the clout to say to the Commons, 'We don't think there is enough support for are'. I think that would be ex-

tremely good for Parliament." Labour battle

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said Labour faced a tough hattle in the Uxbridge byelection on July 31. During a visit to support Andrew Slaughter he said: "It is a difficult by-election. We were unable to win on May L." John Randall is defending a 724 Tory majority. The Lib Dem candidate is Keith Kerr.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Scottish Ministers, the Leader of the Scottish Ministers, the Leader of the Commons and the Commons Commission; Pinance Bill, commission; Pinance Bill, commission; Pinance Bill, commission; Pinance Bill, commission; Pinance Bill and the Insolvency Industry. In the Lords: Special Immigration Appeals Commission Bill Third medicine: Williams

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Chirac tirade ends Jospin honeymoon

PRESIDENT CHIRAC of by private companies were France yesterday accused the new Socialist-led Government of obsolete economic thinking on jobs and privatisation and a lax approach to immi-gration. The attack exposed the first major breach in the tense "cohabitation" between the conservative President and his left-wing Prime Minister,

Lionel Joseph Li forced to share power with the Left after the defeat of the centre-right Government — the President sharply criti-cised a string of Socialist

measures.
Widely written off as a lame duck after the elections six weeks ago, M Chirac's popularity has begun to rise in recent weeks. Yesterday's combative television performance was intended as a warning to the Socialists that he intends to be anything but a docile partner in power.

. The President said that So-

outdated and issued a warning that moves to relax immigration laws would merely encourage illegal entry into France and play into the hands of the zerophobic extreme-right National Front

The Government's decision to give residence papers to about 40,000 immigrants was misguided, he said. One should not obey solely the dictates of the heart. One should also the heart. should also use one's head, and see where our nanonal interest lies."

Just days after M Jospin announced he was halting the privatisation of the Thomson-CSF electronics giant, M Chirac insisted: The State no longer has any role in the management of compentive

The plans of Marine Aubry, the Labour Minister, to require the approval of state labour inspectors for all layoffs by private companies were "from another age", M Chirac said.

"Today, if we want to have a

Leclerc tanks; "the most advanced in the world", roll down the Champs Elystes

ment must adapt to a changing world. We can no longer imprison the activities of those who create, invest and work in totally obsolete and absurd regulations.

M Chirac said he did not want to go as far as Britain or America in liberalising labour markets, but insisted that the key to French economic growth was greater freedom. Asked to comment on Tony Blair's economic policies, he described the British Prime Minister as a very liberal man. "I observe him in international discussions. He may be right but that is Britain, this is France."

Taxes must come down, he declared, flatly contradicting Socialist hints of imminent tax rises. We have reached a level of taxes which is paralysing activity and destroying em-ployment, the President said.

The new Government's decision to close the experimental Superphénix fast-breeder nuclear reactor was also overhasty, he said, raising doubts

about the future of France's nuclear industry. Last night, the Socialists accused the President of playing party politics. a member of the Opposition with respect to the first decisions of the Jospin Government", François Hollande, the Socialist spokesman, said. "As choice but to let the Government govern. But as a politician loyal to a conservative philosophy, he will have to understand that the French measures inspired by mis-

Pierre Zarka, the Communist MP, said: "Chirac is not

managed liberalism."

In additional to the traditional presidential domains of foreign and defence policy, President Chirac said he planned to modernise France. maintain social cohesion, uphold its world position and protect high-tech industries and scientific research.

New tank pride of parade

Paris: France's new Ledere tank was the undisputed star of the traditional Bastille Day parade here yesterday. Twenty-seven Lecteres rolled down the Champs Elysées and a further 12 were displayed on transport vehicles. GIAT-Industrie, maker of

scribes it as the most adranced main battle tank in the world. The French Army, which initially hoped for more than 800 Lederes, has had to eat its order to 420 because of budget constraints. They cost nearly £3 million each, though critics make the real price nearer £8 million. (Rester)



Troops from the Foreign Legion Pioneer Corps parade with their traditional aprons and axes. The aprons symbolise the skills of masons and electricians

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Bonn will offer deal to star tax evaders

FROM DEBORAH COLLECTY

THE German Government is prepared to offer tax evaders an amnesty in order to get its hand on billions of pounds in savings, hoarded in foreign

After the introduction of a 30 per cent tax on savings in 1993, many high earners withdrew their savings and deposited them in tax-free havens such as Luxembourg, Liech-tenstein and Switzerland, which offer high interest rates

and absolute confidentiality. As Bonn struggles to cut unemployment and reduce its budget deficit to meet the entry criteria for economic and monetary union in 1999, it is desperate for revenue and willing to strike a compromise. In exchange for bringing back an estimated £200 billion in assets, Bonn would waive prosecutions and back taxes and impose a one-off demand of only 20 per cent.

"Our economy is desperate for investment to create and stabilise the job market and so the coalition Government should welcome back those who fled our tax system." said Gisela Frick, tax expert for the coalition partner, the Free Democrats (FDP). "I know that such an amnesty is moralabout tax evasion - but we must do something to appeal prosecution." Celebrities such as racing driver Michael Schumacher and tennis stars Boris Becker and Steffi Graf are among thousands who moved money or their homes abroad to avoid crippling tax.

The deputy chairman of the Christian Democrats' small business group. Hartmut Schauerte, has suggested that tax evaders could be invited to invest in Germany for a fouryear period, with low interest of 2 per cent, in exchange for a clean tax record.

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GOSSIP

Sadistic Serb gets 20 years for war crimes

By Ben Macintyre

DUSAN TADIC, the Bosnian Serb war criminal, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by a United Nations court yesterday for playing a sadistic part in the 1942 "ethnic cleansing" of his Muslim neighbours.

Tadic. 41. a former café owner and karate expert, is the first person to be sentenced by the tribunal. After a sevenmonth trial, he was found guilty on May 7 of multiple crimes against humanity and war crimes, including killing and torture in Prijedor in northwest Bosnia — where British troops arrested one indicted war crimes suspect

and killed another last week. The UN war crimes tribunal at The Hague found Tadic guilty on 11 counts of persecu-

FROM TOM WALKER

IN SARAJEVO

NATO yesterday closed its file

on the SAS mission that killed

suspected war criminal Simo

Drijaca, after a post mortem

examination showed that he

could not have been assassi-

nuted at close range, as the

Bosnian Serbs have claimed.

Stabilisation Force (Sfor) in

A spokesman for Nato's

He was acquitted of nine counts of murder for lack of

Lawvers for Tadic have appealed against the sentence. insisting that he has been used as "a guinea pig" by the court. the first war crimes tribunal since the postwar hearings at

Nuremberg and Tokyo.
"You committed these crimes with intention and sadistic brutality." Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, the presiding judge, told Tadic, "In condone your actions is to give effect to a base view of morality and invite anarchy.

The three-judge panel sen renced Tadic to a total of 97 years in prison on the II counts, with individual terms ranging from six to 20 years. The sentences will run concurtion, beating and complicity in the killing of two policemen. rently. Tadic is expected to serve his sentence in Italy or

had abused the Red Cross

symbol in its simultaneous

operation to arrest Dr Milan

Nato and the Office of the

High Representative in Sara-

jevo denounced the Bosnian

Serb propaganda that has

Sarajevo spokesman, said the post mortem revealed Orljaca had been hit by four rounds of

fire, but that his injuries were

Major Chris Riley. Sfor's

"Mico" Kovacevic.

followed the mission.

Finland, which have signed a formal agreement to take convicted war criminals.

Judge McDonald described Tadic as a zealous participant in the campaign of ethnic hatred unleashed by Bosnian Serb leaders. You have embraced the extreme principles of Serb nationalism." she said, You responded to this campaign ... and you must bear responsibility for your crimi-

nal conduct. Nikola Kostich, for Tadic, argued that he had been "a very small player in the events and that by handing down a severe sentence the court had made the task of sentencing more important indicted war criminals, such as Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader. and Ratko Mladic the mili-

returned defensive fire after

he shot and injured a soldier

Kovacevic's hospital. Major

Riley said the red crosses on

boxes they were ostensibly

delivering was like a label

used by health authorities

who tackled him.

In the raid

throughout the world".

restaurant in the City of London yesterday. He produced more than 20 works. Nato closes file on shooting including abstracts and portraits, while awaiting senteno ing after he persuaded guards "not consistent with being in the detention centre to give shot at close range". He him paints and paper. Aid worker Mrs Ljubica events, in which SAS soldiers Saicic. 67, who has lived in

a pistol, sticks and by kick-

ing". Tadic betrayed no emo-

tion as the presiding judge recalled how he had tight-

ened the noose around the

neck of one of his victims until

Prison art: Artworks paint-

ed by Tadic in jail went on

he lost consciousness".

Britain for 27 years, is helping Tadic to sell his artworks. On a visit to Tadic in prison, she was stunned by the quality of his art. She said yesterday: The pictures were lovely. He is a very sensitive man and I can't believe he killed all those people. We have sold two of his paintings already."

difficult. The tribunal can impose a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The court at The Hague has indicted 76 suspects, but 66 of these, including Dr Karadzic and General Mladic are still at large.
Judge McDonald said Tadic had visited Serb-run prison camps to commit unspeakable atrocities on Muslims, many of them former friends and neighbours, "using knives, weapons, iron bars, the butt of

Dusan Tadic adjusts his headphones yesterday to hear his sentence for the "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnian Muslims

Russia warns Cook on Bosnia arrests

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the Russian Foreign Minister, told Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, that Moscow was opposed to any repeat of last week's operations by British troops to arrest suspected Serb war criminals.

Speaking on the first day of Mr Cook's visit to Moscow, Mr Primakov insisted that

any further actions by Nato's Sfor troops to detain suspects could seriously destabilise Bosnia, where Russia has a battalion of peacekeepers.

I have set forth our position which is that this operation was carried out outside the mandate of Sfor, which does ductive. We were not notified about it and we were not notified that such operations could take place," said Mr Primakov.

Mr Cook said that, for operational reasons, even some of Britain's allies in Nato had not been notified about

Mir commander suffers heart

During their talks, Mr Cook raised the plight of two British aid workers, John James and Camilla Carr, who were abducted in Chechnya earlier this month.

Aside from foreign policy issues, the two countries agreed to step up co-operation

the SAS actions and he reto fight organised crime and not include the right to detendrugs trafficking, issues which Mr Cook will deal with tion," added the veteran Russerved the right for British sian strategist rces to make further arrests today in talks with Russian "In terms of stabilisation, if they were able to apprehend this action was counter-pro-Interior Ministry officials. amillas friend

murmurs as pressure mounts

RUSSIA'S crippled Mir space tation suffered a fresh setback yesterday, when the orbiter's commander reported suffering "heart irregularities" because of the stress of

Vasili Tsibliyev, 43, .who was supposed to lead the vital repair work during a spacewalk scheduled for later this week, reported suffering to sleep and again when using

Today we have carried out nedical experiments using an exercise bike to test the cosmonauts' cardiovascular sysems," said Valeri Lyndin, a spokesman for the Russian space agency. "Tsibliyev's reaction appeared to be nega-tive. The doctor's initial reaction is that he is overtired.

The cosmonaut, who is on his second mission to Mir and has been commanding the space station since his arrival



Tsibliyev: heart rhythm was a little unusual

in February, has not previously shown any health prob-lems. A snatch of his conversation with an unidentified doctor showed how concerned he was about his condition. "When I tried to sleep on Friday night, my

unusual. And I have never

had such a feeling before." said the veteran cosmonaut and former pilot. "I think the reason was the stress I felt following [the collision on June 25, and it spilled over on Friday."

The doctor replied: "You

have to calm down. Healthy

At this point Russian doctors are suggesting he rest and hope that he will be fitter later oale, the British-born Nasa astronaut on board might have to take his place in the dangerous repair operation alongside Aleksandr Laz-

utkin, the flight engineer.

Los Angeles: Communica tion with the Pathfinder lander on Mars was cut when a computer aboard the spacecraft inexplicably reset itself again as it was sending back pictures, Nasa scientists discovered. They said the proban equipment failure. (AP)



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WORLD IN BRIEF

Convicted Briton

flees court in car

Johannesburg: South African police are hunting for a British citizen convicted of drugs dealing who escaped from court

during a lunch recess by driving off in his gold Mercedes (Inigo Gilmere writes). Sivan Srebia, 49, who in January was found in possession of Ecstasy tablets with a street value of

300,000 rands (£37,500), was convicted on June 30 and

We consider him to be the most wanted convicted drug





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Spain unites in grief as Eta victim is buried

PROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

IN AN unprecedented display of national grief at the blood-shed caused by the Basque separatist group Eta. Spaniards stopped work vesterday while the terrorists latest victor Miguel Angel Blasses. tim, Miguel Angel Blanco, a town councillor, was buried under a grey sky at his home town of Ermua.

Crown Prince Felipe, heir to the Spanish throne, and the Prime Minister, José Maria Aznar, attended the funeral in the town's church. Thousands packed the narrow streets, weeping and clapping as the coffin was carried the short distance from the town hall to the church.
Cries of "Miguel" and

"Murderers" rang out as the coffin, draped with the town's crimson flag, went past. Black ribbons were pinned to white sheets that hung from every

balcony along the route.

Señor Blanco's mother sobbed as both the Prince and the Prime Minister kissed her, her daughter and the dead man's girlfriend. There were warm words of consolation for his bricklayer father as he was embraced by the Prime Minister in front of the coffin.

The family sat in silent grief as the Bishop of Bilbao, Mgr Ricardo Blazquez, conducted a funeral ceremony in Spanish

of Miguel Angel, terrorism has shown its cruel, cold face," Mgr Blazquez said. Among those listening were most of the Government and three former Prime Ministers — Felipe González, Adolfo Suárez and Leopoldo Calvo

Two Basque dantzoris, dancers dressed in the traditional red-and-white costume of the region, performed a funeral dance to the sound of pipes before the coffin left the church. Señor Blanco's family were consoled by Prince Felipe as the coffin was sealed into a niche at the town cemetery on the outskirts of Ermun.

The killing of Senor Blanco. after a two-day kidnapping during which hundreds of thousands took to the streets to beg Eta to spare his life, has become a national drama in Spain. Newspapers yesterday printed front-page pictures of the young councillor's face as he lay in an open coffin. The funeral was broadcast live across the country on all the national and regional television channels.

"The pain and anguish of with Herri Batasuna.

the Blanco family has been shared by our family and by families across Spain." Prince Felipe said after the funeral. Unions and employers' organisations called a ten-minute national work stoppage to coincide with the funeral Millions stood in silence at factory gates and outside shops and offices. There were isolated outbreaks of violence as demonstrators gathered outside social clubs and party offices

porthern Spain. Señor Aznar returned to Madrid to lead a march through the city. He called on people to continue street pro-tests against Eta. "Eta and Herri Batasuna have closed the gaps in the wall that isolates them from our soci-ety," he said. "The terrorists and their political arm are now on one side of the divide. The democrats are on the

of Herri Batasuna in Bilbao,

Señor Aznar made no mention of any measures against Herri Batasuna, which has two deputies in the national parliament. Democratic par-ties have agreed to end all forms of co-operation with the separatist party. Mediators trying to arrange talks between the Government and



Signs saying "Enough is enough" are held by anti-Eta mourners in Ermua yesterday

dealer in the country," Captain Andy Pieke, of the South African Police Services, said. An Interpol alert has been issued for Srebia, who owns property in England, South Africa. The Netherlands and the United States. Algiers bombing kills 21

granted bail. He was in court to be sentenced.

Algiers: Twenty-one people died and 40 were injured when a bomb exploded in a market at Baraki, on the eastern outskirts of Algiers, the Government said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but such bloodshed is usually attributed to Muslim insurgents. The attack came two days before celebrations marking the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad and just a week after Algerian authorities freed Abdelkader Hachani, the leader of a banned Islamic fundamentalist party, who was imprisoned five years ago on charges of inciting rebellion. (AP)

OJ estate is sold

Los Angeles: OJ Simpson's sumptuous Los Angeles estate was sold at auction yesterday for \$2.63 million (£1.6 million) to the bank that had foreclosed on it. The sale came three years and a month after police found a "trail of blood" leading to the mansion from the slashed bodies of his ex-wife and a friend. Unable to meet his mortgage payments. Simpson faced the choice of declaring bankruptcy yesterday morning or seeing his home sold on the steps of a county courthouse in suburban Norwalk.

Election boost for Yeltsin

Moscow: President Yeltsin received an electoral boost vesterday after voters in the Nizhny Novgorod region elected Ivan Sklyarov, a Kremlin-backed reformer, as the Governor, defeating a candidate backed by the Communists and nationalists (Richard Beeston writes). However, the Kremlin's candidate did less well in the Volga city of Samara. where Georgi Limansky, backed by Aleksandr Lebed, a former general and nationalist leader, became Mayor.

DNA test in 'Fugitive' case

New York: The body of Dr Sam Sheppard, right, whose case inspired the long-running television show The Fugitive, is to be exhumed for DNA tests in a definitive attempt to establish that he did not kill his wife in 1954 (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Although he was later acquitted, it was never proved conclusively that he did not kill his wife. Bone marrow will be used for tests to compare with samples found at the scene of the crime.



'Hitler' wine marches on

Udine: An Italian company is refusing to take its "Fuehrer" wine off the market, despite profests from tourists. The wine which has Adolf Hitler on the label, includes a type called "Sieg Heil". The company has already successfully defended

Guerrillas' friends and foes expect more killing

THE killing of Miguel Angel Blanco has damaged Eta. As tears flowed for the latest of more than causing a wave of protest Spain's northern 800 victims of Basque assassins, the country, but is deemed unlikely to cause its

Eyen José Maria Aznar, the Prime Minister, admitted yesterday that the terrorist group would probably continue to kill. "I cannot stand before you and say there will be no more pain, he said. Security sources say the

killed 800 people in 30 years

apologists of terror were again marching for independence, Giles Tremlett writes

of activists. Txema Montero is a former Euro MP for Herri Batasuna, the Eta-linked legal separatist party, who now opposes the group. He issued a warning that, with its latest

showed that, despite popular outrage and revulsion at the killing, the guerrillas' hardcore supporters remain intransigent. The fighting started when pro-Bta youths

protest at the killing. Herri Batasuna remained unrepentant last night. For Jon Idigoras, 60, the most senior of Herri Batasuna's leaders, it was business as usual. While millions of Span-

iards were protesting against Eta, Señor Idigoras and 100 demanding Basque independence.

He admitted that the killing of Senor Blanco was a blow to his party but said he was before. Herri Batasuna has a long history. We will stay on our feet." Only one senior Herri Batasuna member. Patri Zabaleta, the regional deputy in Navarre, has openly criticised Eta's action. He was considering his future in the increasingly hardline

There were signs, however, that ordinary Herri Batasuna voters had been sickened by the killing. Maria Teresa Múgica, a Herri Batasuna portet whose diother is all Eta prisoner, appeared weep-

businessman Cosme Delclaux, a kidnap victim who was released two weeks ago. ☐ Vitoria: The regional Basque parliament here ical wing of the armed Basque separatist movement after it

kill me too," she said. Police

believe that Eta has no more

than two dozen people in its active service units. But up to

200 activists provide intelli-gence and logistical support

to them or take part in street

violence. The group reported-ly received \$6 million (£3.5

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FROM ROGER MAYNARD

IN SYDNEY THE koala, the epitome of cute Australian wildlife. was last night at the centre of a row over whether it should be protected or

Professor Joe Baker. head of the Canberrabased Commission for the Environment, told a waste resources conference in

Brisbane that a wide range of native Australian fauna

should be harvested for

food. "Why can't I sit down

to a koala steak or a breast

of sulphur-crested cocka-

prawns, bream or whiting without a murmur of pro-

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widely accepted as a sus-tainable food resource," he

into the truth worth of

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ported 9,000 jobs in tour-ism and wildlife services.

and tourists who came to

see them generated more than £'s billion.

Clive Hamilton, the executive director of the Australian Institute, said:

"The economy would suf-fer significantly if koalas were absent." John Brown,

the former Tourism Minis-

ter who once described the

koala as "flea-ridden, it

piddles on you, it stinks

and it scratches, also

came out in support of the

"It's time we did some

"I can eat mud crabs.

too?" he asked.

GEORGE MULALA / REUTE

Kenyan police fire live rounds to halt riots

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

KENYAN police used live ammunition to break up riots in the centre of Nairobi yesterday as violent protests aimed at forcing President Moi to introduce basic political reforms entered a second week.

Polytechnic students took over Haile Selassie Avenue close to the parliament buildings and threatened to overrun Kenya's central bank before police forced them back onto their campus with live rounds fired over the heads and volleys of teargas. Riot police were also deployed to protect the nearby American

Several people on both sides were badly injured in running throwing students and sec-

A week ago at least nine people were killed at demonstrations organised by nonviolent church groups. Nai-robi and Kenyatta Universities were closed by the Government after clashes last Wednesday. Since then, Kenya's normally divided Opposition has been able to focus on the issue of reforms.

But yesterday's rloting stu-dents introduced a racist note, chanting anti-Asian slogans. Aimed at the largely middle-class East African Asian population, which has been the backbone of manufacturing and commerce in the region



Students taunt police in Nairobi yesterday as protests urging political reforms entered a second week. Police fired teargas and live rounds

accused Asians of colluding with Mr Moi and enriching themselves at the expense of the poor. The undergraduates were copying Kenneth Mat-iba, leader of the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy-Asili, who has alienated many Asians by his outbursts, even though many normally conservative Asian Kenyans have

A broad coalition of groups calling for reforms has insist-

October. It is unlikely to allow

Palestine to become a member

recently joined in calls for

ed on non-violent protests, but the Nairobi students reinforced their chants with stones

and catapults. Sheikh Khalid Balala, a firebrand Muslim preacher who returned from temporary exile last week, warned Mr Moi to allow political parties to operate freely in Kerrya in the run-up to elections later this year. "We will humiliate Moi the way he wants to be humiliated. If anybody is going to cast one ballot, I'm

telling you we will blast the elections. We will use force in these elections. Elections will not take place."

☐ Machete assault: An attack on Charity Ngilu, a presiden-tial candidate, by men wielding clubs and machetes was "political", an associate alleged in an interview published by the independent Daily Nation. Ten gangsters attacked Ms Ngilu, who declared her candidacy on July 8, as she was leaving a political raily on Saturday with another opposition MP, Joseph Mulusya, and three oth-

er people.
The gangsters beat them up, breaking her security man's arm, and stole money and personal effects, including Ms Ngilu's identity card and her voter registration card, which was later discovered by the side of the road, the newspaper said. The loss of the two cards, if they were not re-placed, would prevent her

running against Mr Mol. "We believe we were attacked by people who knew what they wanted from us," Mr Mulusya told the Nation, which quoted him as saying it was a "political" attack.

He said that a four-wheeldrive vehicle trailed their car in the Kibwezi district for several miles, turning off just before they developed two ice described it as "normal highway robbery". (AFP)

explained. However, "extremist greenies" in the United States were even opposed to eating meat from kangaroos, which number millions, he said. Professor Baker's views were rejected in Sydney, where the Australian Koala Foundation coincidentally chose yesterday to launch a detailed study

Arafat warned on funds misuse

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

BRITAIN yesterday warned ain, which provides the Pales-Yassir Arafat that he must do more to account for the money given by Britain and other European countries to the Palestinian Authority for development, training and infrastructure. The message was conveyed by Derek Fatchett, junior Forthe slums that Britain aid is

eign Office minister responsible for the Middle East, when Mr Arafat began a day of talks with the Government of the It was also reported to have

been reinforced by the Prime Minister, who saw the Palestinian leader for 40 minutes in Street shortly after talks with Ehud Barak, the Israeli Opposition leader. Brit-

tinians with £25 million a year in aid, has been concerned Short. International Developthat much of the money has simply disappeared or has been misappropriated. Some members of the Palestinian Authority have built luxurious villas in Gaza close to many of

intended to improve. The peace process was the main theme of talks with Mr Blair and Mr Fatchett, and they urged restraint and patience on Mr Arafat as well as a resumption of broad-ranging security co-operation with the Israelis to prevent any onstrations and riots in Hebron and the occupied

territories. Last night Mr Arafat had dinner with Clare until an independent Palestinian state is formed. 🗆 Jerusalem: Binyamin

ment Secretary, whose depart-Netanyahu warned Mr Arafat ment has now taken over of "severe Israeli action" unresponsibility for aid to the less there was an immediate halt to fierce rioting in Hebron Palestinians. Today Mr Arafat will meet Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretarywhich over the past three weeks has left 250 people injured. Mr Netanyahu did General, to flesh out his proposals that Palestine, for 30 not elaborate on the measures planned. However, Israeli years until 1948 ruled by the military sources said that British during the mandate, these could involve the reconshould join the Commonquest of some areas of Hebron wealth. He is not likely to close the city centre settlement * buildings housing 450 Jews receive a firm reply, as the Commonwealth will draw up which were handed over to Palestinian control in new rules on membership at its summit in

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Athletes hurt in bridge collapse

Ramat Gan: A bridge at an Israeli sports stadium col-lapsed just before the opening ceremonies of an international Jewish sporting event yesterday, killing one person and injuring 18, police said. The pedestrian bridge collapsed at the Ramat Gan stadium sear Tel Aviv where the quadrennial Maacabiah Games — nicknamed the "Jewish Olympics" - were due to begin. Israeli Television said many of the 370-member Australla delegation were on the bridge when it collapsed. The about 40 minutes later by President Weizman. (Renter)

Rise in 'innocents' sent to death row

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON ...

THE number of innocent people on death row has ncreased sharply in the past four years as use of the death penalty has spread across America, according to a report published today.

At least 21 innocent people

have been released from death row since 1993, says a 35-page review The increasing Dange of Executing the Innocent by the Death Penalty Information Centre, a Washington

lobby group: The group also cites four controversial executions since 1992 in Texas and Virginia where, it argues, the condemned person had "reasonably credible claims of innocence" or was denied the usual rights of appeal.

The number of innocent people on death row has doubled over the past 25 years. says the group, because more states have backed capital punishment and new laws have increased the list of crimes which can receive the penalty. Congress has also curtailed the right of appeal.

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Von Trapps' happy ending

Austria pays tribute to anti-Nazi Sound of Music family

> FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

ALMOST 60 years after the von Trapps fled the invading Nazl jackboot, the family immortalised by The Sound of Music has been officially honoured by the Austrian Government high on a hill in Vermont with not a lonely goatherd in sight.

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It was the first time since they escaped from their home-land that the famous singing children had gained recogni-tion from Vienna for their father's strident objections to Hitler's Third Reich.

At the command of the Austrian Defence Minister, the graduating class of The-resianum Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt was flown to the foothills of Stowe for a



The von Trapp family, whose escape from the Nazis inspired The Sound of Music

von Trapp, the aristocratic patriarch and former submarine commander who died 50

A series of ceremonies cul-minated in a performance of Schubert's German Mass and the laying of a wreath by the cadets at the grave of Baron and Baroness von Trapp, the to the foothills of Stowe for a couple portrayed by Christo-special tribute to Baron Georg pher Plummer and Julie An-

drews in the 1965 film musical. Nearly 50 people, representing three generations of von Trapps and including the baron's six surviving children, joined a cast of 300 in the green pastures of Vermont for

a ritual steeped in symbolism. Their story is familiar to the millions who have seen The Sound of Music, a film which can claim one of the widest

audiences in history. As a captain in the Austrian Navy after the Anschluss in 1938, the baron refused a role in the German forces and told his family that he planned to emigrate in the face of the advancing Nazis.

"If one says no," he is famously said to have rold them, "then we all stay." The family, by then a famous

choral singing troupe, all answered in the affirmative as their governess and later stenmother, Maria Kutschera, plotted their escape.

Despite their father's status

as a national hero and the subsequent fame of the family. the von Trapps have received neither apology nor recogni-tion from the frosty Austrian authorities. The Government in Vienna studiously failed to honour the baron after his the film in Austria.

This was a statement of political significance." said Walter Greinert, the Consul-General to the United States, who attended the event in Vermont. "These officers represent a new Austria. We are a new generation now purting behind us some of the troubles

And it brought a happy finale to a saga which has plagued the family since the baron died five years after arriving in America. "It is a our family and a statement on the part of the Austrian offi-cers," said Johannes von Trapp, 58, the youngest of the singing children who toured Europe and later America. "It



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Maria von Trapp, daughter of Baron Georg and Maria, with Major-General Felber of the Theresianum academy and her half-brother Johannes, left, in Vermont

Spaniard's heirs to sue over 'stolen' oil and ranch legacy

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

a Spanish army officer, José Manuel Balli Villareal, who was granted a large tract of . Texan land by the King of Spain in the early 1800s, are suing for the return of the property, claiming that it was stolen in 1836 by Captain Mifflin Kenedy, perhaps the most famous cattle baron in

small county court in Texas across those parts of the United States that were once under Mexican sovereignty.

ranch near the town of Sarita, in south Texas, is owned by the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, a charitable body created in 1960 by Sarita Kenedy East, the granddaughter of Captain

The latter, and his "pard-ner" Captain Richard King who founded the legendary King Ranch - were among the makers of early Texan

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NEARLY 900 descendants of can landowners. However, the heirs of Balli are now demanding the land back, as well as millions of dollars in oil-well royalties.

Eileen Fowler, an attorney in Houston who is representing the family, says: "Our position is that the Kenedy Foundation is squatting on the land. They've been getting oil royalties, and running cattle, and getting money off land that doesn't belong to them, for all these years."

Ms Fowler says the claim ants can prove that the land belongs to them, citing a 50nder Mexican sovereignty. year grazing lease which ex-La Barreta, a 363,000 acre. pired in 1949 between Sarita Kenedy East and several descendants of Balli. The lease, she says, acknowledged the Ballis' continued ownership of La Barreta.

The Kenedy Foundation has responded by claiming that it owns the land "100 per cent" by proper title as well as by adverse possession, a legal principle that allows effective and unchallenged occupation of land to mature over time

into valid legal ownership. Captain Kenedy took pos session of La Barreta in 1836, after the Texan forces defeated the Mexican Army on April 21 of that year, in the

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The benefits of having a nice, clean cut

or many pregnant women facing the secret terrors of childbirth for the first - or perhaps second - time, it might seem an appealing op-tion. Avoid all the potential problems, the pain and uncertainty of a natural birth, and book in for a purely voluntary elective Caesarean section instead.

Why take the risks of a natural birth going wrong? Why go through all the trauma and fear?

One of several possible answers is that, until recently, most obstetricians in the UK would not countenance the suggestion of a surgical delivery without medical cause. If on request, it was a word-ofmouth process, an option available only to the welland connected privately insured.

Even today, many obstetricians insist that major abdominal surgery without medical justification is not a childbirth option. "The vast majority of my colleagues would consider that a woman seeking an unnecessary Caesarean needed a psychiatrist, not a surgeon," says Dr Marion Hall, an obstetrician at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, only half-

But not only does the practice occur, it now has its own powerful and influential champion, willing to break with all the taboos that surround the subject and speak out publicly in its defence. Professor Nicholas Fisk, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at one of London's leading teaching hospitals. claims that women are showing increasing interest in having their babies delivered by Caesarean section — and that obstetricians are increasingly willing to accede to their

He recently stunned his colleagues by admitting on television his willingness to perform medically unnecessary Caesareans on request, and by forecasting with equanimity that Caesarean rates could reach 50 per cent of all births in the not too distant future. Should this occur, he insists, it will not be the result of the attitudes and practices of the medical profession, as natural childbirth campaigners have always alleged, but in response to demands of

women themselves. "Attitudes are changing because an elective Caesarean section is becoming very, very safe." he says. "It's much safer, for instance, than driving a car. Things are also changing because of the recognition that vaginal delivery, in almost all women, damages the pelvis. It damages bladder function. Natural childbirth is a risky business, argues obstetrician Professor Nicholas Fisk. Interview by Sue Corrigan



Professor Nicholas Fisk: "It's much safer than driving a car"

bowel function, the genital tract. All these problems, such as prolapse and incontinence. are extremely rare among women who haven't delivered vaginally. And some women are starting to ask whether this is important or not. Also. you still take a small residual risk to the baby by having a vaginal delivery which you could prevent, presumably, by having a Caesarean."

e argues that with

many Western women choosing to have only one or two babies, there is an increasing unwillingness pose their babies to the slightest possible risk of damage or injury in childbirth. And the risks, according to him, are considerable. He reels off the statistics - a 1 in 5.000 chance of the baby dying during labour, a l in 1.750 chance of the baby having fits at birth from oxygen deprivation, a injury of about 1 in 4,000 . . . "Oh, and also, there's somewhere between a l in 500-1,000 chance of the baby suddenly dying inside the womb from 38 weeks onwards until the point you go into labour," he says. So what is he suggesting? That the safest course of action would be to perform an elective Caesarean on all pregnant

women, automatically, two

weeks before the due date?

"No, no, no, I'm not saying that at all," he says. "I'm saying that if you look at the risks, it's not such a crazy thing for a woman to have an elective Caesarean if she wants it. "I mean, if you think about it, you're not allowed to drive home drunk because it's too dangerous - but you're allowed to have a vaginal delivery, which is more dangerous. Society's perception of risk is changing. We all have airbass in our cars, and seatbelts, and wear helmets

when we drive motor bikes.

People are beginning to appre-

ciate that the most dangerous

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childbirth - how they are perceived and how they are presented to vulnerable and trusting patients — is fundamental to the passionate de-bate over Caesarean section rates. Since the early Sevenchildbirth in all developed nations has rocketed, rising from an average of about 5 per cent to 15, 20, 25, even 30 per cent of all births, depending on regional and national practices. In the United Kingdom, the rate varies between 11-16 per cent, but in individual hospitals — such as Queen Charlotte's, where Professor Fisk holds a senior position it now exceeds 25 per cent.

To natural childbirth campaigners, this trend - unjustified by any overall improvement in outcomes for mothers or babies - is deeply worrying. Blame, they argue, rests squarely on the shoul-ders of scalpel-happy obstetrimedicalised, high-tech approach to childbirth. To date. the medical profession has reacted defensively, arguing somewhat plaintively that doc-tors are often placed in an extremely difficult position. forced to weigh up the "balance of risks" in a potentially complicated delivery, and not infrequently sued if they get it wrong. Above all, they insist they would only deliver a baby surgically if they judged it to be medically necessary.

Professor Fisk, an ambitious

high-fiver born and trained in Australia, reacts assertively to his colleagues' innate caution on the issue: "I don't like being portrayed as an enthusiast for Caesarean section, because I don't think I am. But what I do react against is the kneejerk response that the Caesarean rate is too high and must be reduced."

He was, he claims, once 'very much against" high operative rates, but began to question his position when he became aware that many of the female obstetrics staff at Queen Chariotte's, as well as the wives of obstetricians, were booking themselves in for Caesareans as soon as they became pregnant. "On the one hand you'd be striving to encourage women to deliver vaginally, and then you'd find your junior staff were having elective Caesarean sections without any reason. So that was my road to Damascus experience."

A father of two (he declines to disclose how his children were delivered), he denies any suggestion that the medical profession is responsible for driving up surgical delivery rates over the past 20 years.



Natural childbirth campaigners say that scalpel-happy obstetricians scare women by emphasising the risks of natural births

"You have to appreciate that it's been obstetric dogma for about the past 15 years that the Caesarean section rate is too high. Most obstetricians have grown up in an environment whereby you stayed up all night, forcing a woman to have a long labour with powerful drugs, absolutely ex-hausted, because you must achieve the Holy Grail of obstetrics, which was vaginal delivery. But all that is chang-

Essentially, he says, this is because an elective Caesarean, performed on a fit, healthy woman, with no medical complications, is emerging as the are still significantly higher among women who have had elective Caesareans than those who have vaginal deliveries. and that risks of complications and problems also increase appreciably in any subsequent

as been performed. Mary Newburn, director of policy research at the National Childbirth Trust, says one of the major reasons for rising section rates is that doctors and one of the problems is that most doctors are still not taking it anywhere seriously

The way to deal with concerns about any possible problems from vaginal delivery, for example, is not to form Caesareans. It is to look very closely at the unnatural way most women are forced to give birth — flat on their backs, hooked up to machines, without assistance

made for it. "What I have," he

says, "is nothing more than

circumstantial and empirical

evidence." Now that the gen-

erai public is embracing all

Of all Professor Fisk's arguand other activists in the most infuriating is the suggestion that doctors are merely the low-tech birth movement," thing for women to have a say in particular elements of childbirth. It's another thing entire-

ments, the one Ms Newburn natural childbirth field find responding to patient demand, not shaping it. "Talking about 'a woman's right to choose' is just a way of hitting back at Ms Newburn says. "It's one ly to say they should be able to choose major abdominal

surgery." A glowing picture of vitality

conditions include cystic fi-brosis and cancer. However, all the work was conducted in the Sixties and Seventies. And if this research was so conclusive, why did Kirlian photography virtually disappear for decades? Mr Garion Hutchings says that credible researchers were scared off by the outlandish claims being

things alternative, he thinks it's a good time to resurface. He adds hastily: "But I don't want to sound New Agey." There are other obstacles.

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John lovine, author of the 1994 book Kirlian Photogra-phy: A Hands-On Guide. notes that the unpredictability of many of the necessary conditions — conductivity of the object, pressure on the plate, air pressure and moisture, etc - makes Kirlian photography tricky to validate scientifically. Which makes Mr Garion Hutchings's prediction that it could become as widespread as the MRI scanner seem perhaps unduly

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ome people have an aura, a presence, an ethereal quality. Some do not. Sadly. I am of the latter. I know this because Nigel Garion Hutchings, a homeopath, has just photographed my Kirlian image. I expected a dramatic negative - a white image of my hand burned onto the film,

with tiny, black lightning streaks emanating like little explosions all around my elegant fingers. Instead I was confronted with a pathetic outline of half a palm and three skinny digits. It is the Kirlian aura of

"I think you were holding back, perhaps through a fear of the unknown," Mr Garion Hutchings says earnestly. I reveal that I once suffered a particularly nasty electric shock, which explains my apprehension at having a high voltage discharged through me, even if it does induce a pleasant tingle.

Anjana Ahuja checks out her aura with Kirlian photography

My fingers are not delineated: Mr Garion Hutchings says this can suggest a lack of confidence. That should amuse my friends.

Popular in the Seventies, the Kirlian phenomenon is arousing interest again, thanks to a small collective called Kirlian Research. Here, in this artsy, whitewashed commune above a sandwich shop in Clerkenwell, north London, photographers take marvellous snapshots of hands, feet, fruit, coins, jewellery ... anything.

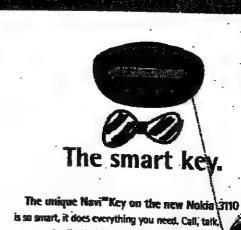
A sheet of special photo-graphic film is placed on a metal plate, and the object is placed on top. A high voltage is sent to the plate to charge it up, and this automatically discharges through the hand.

Where the charge jumps from the plate to the hand, it collides with nitrogen atoms in the air, exciting them. As the nitrogen atoms recover, they emit light. This is the inescence captured in the Kirlian photographs, also called corona discharge images or electro-photographs.

The results are stunning: the group has been invited to pitch its wares at advertising ues and one of the bestknown sports labels. David Bowie, who has long nurtured an interest in Kirlian photography and owns much of the work of the late Dr Thelma Moss, a leading Kirlian researcher, is to meet the group

However, Mr Garion Hutchings sees the creative work as a way of funding more serious, scientific research. He wants to set up controlled trials to see whether Kirlian photography can be used to indicate mental and physical conditions, from menopausal stress and autism

to cancer and HIV. A publicity booklet for Kirlian Research states: "In time, it is believed that Kirlian Photography will be used as a reliable, non-invasive method of early diagnosis and determclaims that "definite signatures for certain conditions have been recorded"; listed



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The high priest's story

Mormon Brian Evenson has been reviled by his Church for writing what they feel is sadistic and perverted fiction. Interview by **Jason Cowley**

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rian Evenson is a writer of disconcerting power. His sto-ries are full of atrocity and violence. There is no human exchange in his work that is not steeped in brutality. An affluent young couple hurl kittens out of the window of their speeding car; laughing as the cats screech like power saws when they hit the pavement. An aimless drifter travels across America randomly slaughtering young women on whose warm bodies he then carves commemorative stars. A farmer stumbles on the body of his dead daughter, but rather than tell his wife he inexplicably buries the girl in an isolated barn

All this could easily be dismissed as the work of yet another neurotic literary outsider, were it not for the fact that Evenson, 30, writes so well and that he is a high priest in the Mormon Church, a happily married father of two young daughters and an unequivocal believer. To him, the Book of Mormon is a text of sacred revelation.

A religious conservative, he will this week celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Brigham Young and the first Mormons in Salt Lake City. And yet, as Knopf, his New York publishers, acknowledge on the dustiacket of his collection of stories, Altmann's Tongue, Evenson "appears, in every particular, to be the very destroyer of what he is instead the maker of". In short, he imaginatively and, numerous critics say, gratuitously, violates what in daily life is most sacred to him:

family life, faith and morality. Not surprisingly, controver-sy has hit Evenson like a truck. He is reviled and scourged ity, where he is accused of putting himself on the side of evil. There are people who wonder how somebody could speak in an evil person's voice and not be affected by that

voice;" he says.

If he continues writing fiction of experimental modernism. Evenson knows he will be excommunicated from the Church he has served in numerous roles. The prospect fills him with terror. For a fundamental tenet of Mormonism, one to which he is devourly committed, is that marriage binds a couple to-



Brian Evenson and wife Connie: "She can't understand why I write as I do. We are committed to each other, but what I am doing is causing her a lot of pain"

gether for eternity (polygamy, once rife among Mormons, has been outlawed for more than a century).

The only way they can part is if one of them is excommunicated. So Evenson is trapped in a cruel dilemma: if he remains true to the impulses of his art, however dark these may be, he faces what he calls the agony of "eternal separation from his wife and children". But if he succumbs to authoritarianism and self-censorshin he knows he will he miserable. "i feel good about my art," he says. "I feel like it want to have to make a choice between the Mormon Church and my work, but if I do I will be on the side of art, even

though I still have my faith." This is painful, too painful: already cracks are appearing in the once smooth surface of his family life. His wife, Connie, comes from a doctrinally more austere Mormon family than Evenson's, whose parents were the only Democrats in his neighbourhood while he was growing up in Provo, Utah. He and Connie married "when we were in our early twenties because we were brought up thinking that is what you did". His eldest daughter Valerie is six, and his youngest, Sarah, is four.

n common with all Mormons, Connie believes that a "man's heart is revealed in his art". Evenson says: "She can't understand why I write as I do. Though she has a French degree, she does not have the same kind of literary background as me. We are committed to each other, but what I am doing is causing her a lot pain. We don't argue, but about what this means to us as Mormons. But she feels that if I continue doing a certain kind of art then, in essence, I am

betraying her." Does he believe that? "I kind of do and I don't." he says. lowering his head. He is a big man, with huge hands and thick red hair worn in a ponytail. With his distresse jeans and wispy goatee beard he looks more like a farm labourer — or perhaps a roadie for a rock band - than the sophisticated literary intellectual that he is. At times, his

voice scarcely rises above a

whisper. It is hard to believe he is the author of work of such terrifying nihilism — work described as "morally absent". But, of course, there is no such thing as moral absence: even amorality is a cannily ethical position.

Certainly that was the feeling among the hierarchy at Brigham Young, the Mormon university in Provo where Evenson taught literature and creative writing

but from where he says he was "forced to leave" after a female student mous letter alerting the authorities to the extreme material in Altmann's

Tongue.
This man has part of my an obsession with identity' murder," she wrote. There are descriptions of cannibalism, incest and serial

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murder . . . [reading the book] I feel like someone who has eaten something poisononus and is desperate to get rid of it. As Latter-Day Saints and disciples of Jesus Christ I believe we have a responsibility to use our gifts to bless the world with truth and hope - not to in darkness and

In his defence, Evenson says he wishes not to glamorise, but to confront, violence. "When 1 was a boy growing up in Utah.

1 was disturbed that most of my peers felt that they could justify seeing an adult movie as long as it was 'only violent' rather than depicting sex. Violence, they thought, was somehow acceptable and entertaining but they had a real problem with sex. In Mormonism there is an emphasis on talking only about what is good in life. So you end up making a space where evil can occur unimpeded. I want to expose people to the darker side of life, to challenge them, to show that evil is part of this world."

After much anguish and vilification, Evenson took a job last year at Oklahoma State University - because he felt "there was no place for me at

Brigham Young: they through a quirk of birth to a wouldn't support me in my work". Appalled that fellow religious community that grows ever more trenchantly Mormons found his fiction confident with each new conunconscionable, he felt vert, he feels "lost and contrapped and harassed in Profused". His next book, Father vo. "I felt like an outcast in my of Lies, expiores another Morown town. I would go into mon taboo: child abuse. Strucrestaurants and people would look at me as if I was tured as a pyschoanalytic case study, it draws on actual, dangerous. It kind of got to previously repressed cases of the abuse of young boys by

clash between Mormon lay dergy. "Sometimes I wake up after a nightmare thinking I must Evenson's literary sophistication and be crazy to publish this book. because I know they will ing literalism of excommunicate me for doing good about many Mormons modernity. For He approaches this prospect Mormonism is one with lucidity and gloom. In of the fastest growmy more rational moments ing religions in the I'm not sure the Mormon

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years earlier on a hill near

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New York, Part of its appeal is that this may be a forlorn hope its intense exoticism: Smith famously claimed that Moroprophet, appeared to him re-

A boost for neighbourly relations

Rachel Morris relishes the delights of communal living

Having spent our adult years doing what seemed natural - which was to run away from our families - my husband and I recently reversed the trend and suggested that my brother, his wife and children move into the house next door. For the first time since I went away to university I'm seeing my brother every day, al though often it's only a glimpse of his head over

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he garden fence. It was the children that made us do it — their three and our two. After years spent organising activities every weekend to keep the children

amused began to see the charms of a more communal lifestyle. Now, a year fater, I can tell

you that works perfectly. The adults have their babysitting and the knowledge that someone is there in

emergency, while the children are in seventh heaven. They've coalesced into a gang of five and spend their days in-line skating while doing what they like doing best, which is gossip-

ing about the grown-ups.
Children like having families and they especially like having cousins. For them it is a particularly good relationship, being close but not too close and entirely lacking in sibling jealousy. And even my guilt about being a work ing mother is lessened by the knowledge that the children have their cousins.

There are only a few rules about family-living: don't take more babysitting goes than is your share; neighbours with the windows open; and never, ever criticise the way they put their children to bed — if you think they're odd they're bound to think you're bonkers. And remember, while being discreet yourself, to ignore the children's indiscretions. All children are spectacularly tactless, and will bring you news not only of the neighbours' knickers but exactly what they said about you over the breakfast table.

t first it seemed en or garden unless you're faintly eccentric. very talented at communal living - there's something about sharing these two spaces that drives most adults mad - but do live close enough so the childnied. Being next door means they can also hang out of their bedroom windows at night and chat when they're meant to be in

But the most important precaution is to make sure your partner likes your After all, in those far-off days when you first got together he thought he only had to love you, not a tribe. (The opposite prob-

and his wife might fall in It's most love over the garden fence important and run away together, simply doesn't bear that your thinking about) We used to partner think we were the only people likes your running this version of an exfamily

> But then we discovered another set of cousins, the Pierces. in our small, local primary school. Setting up this arrangement can be complicated. It requires persistence to bend jobs,

tended family.

schools and estate agents, all to your will. Like us, the Pierces (two brothers and their wives) moved into the same neighbourhood so the children could have strong cousinly relationships, and since then they've become even

T eighbourhoods shrink and schools become less forbidding once they're criss-crossed by a set of family

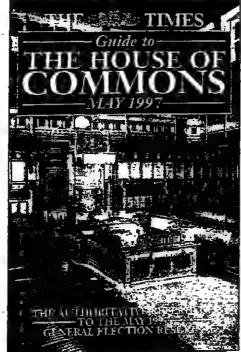
A generation ago women persuade their husbands to move closer to their parents. The advantage of this kind of extended family, which stretches sideways, not upwards and downwards through the generations, is that all the grown-ups lead fairly similar lives (harassed and busy) and are thus generally tolerant of each other's foibles. As for the children. I like to think that they'll stay close and that when they grow up they may of an extended family.

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Favoured son of a rising land

Richard Cork on the excellent

Royal Academy show of work by the 19th-century Japanese, Hiroshige

o wonder Van Gogh admired Hi-roshige's colour woodcuts, and coped them so eagerly. The vitality, boldness and economy of the Japanese master excited many of the Impressionist generation, and stimulated their own work. Hiroshige was enthusiastically collected by advanced Paris artists after his prints began to be exported from Japan during the 1870s. Cheap, plentiful and deceptively modest in size. they played a potent role in the transformation of late 19thcentury European art.

As this marvellous bicentenary retrospective reveals, he deserves to be relished in his own right. Rather than seeing him from an exclusively Westem vantage, we need to restore Hiroshige to his native context. And this survey shows how dependent he was on the Japanese landscape, as well as the people shown moving over its plains, waterways and vertiginous slopes.

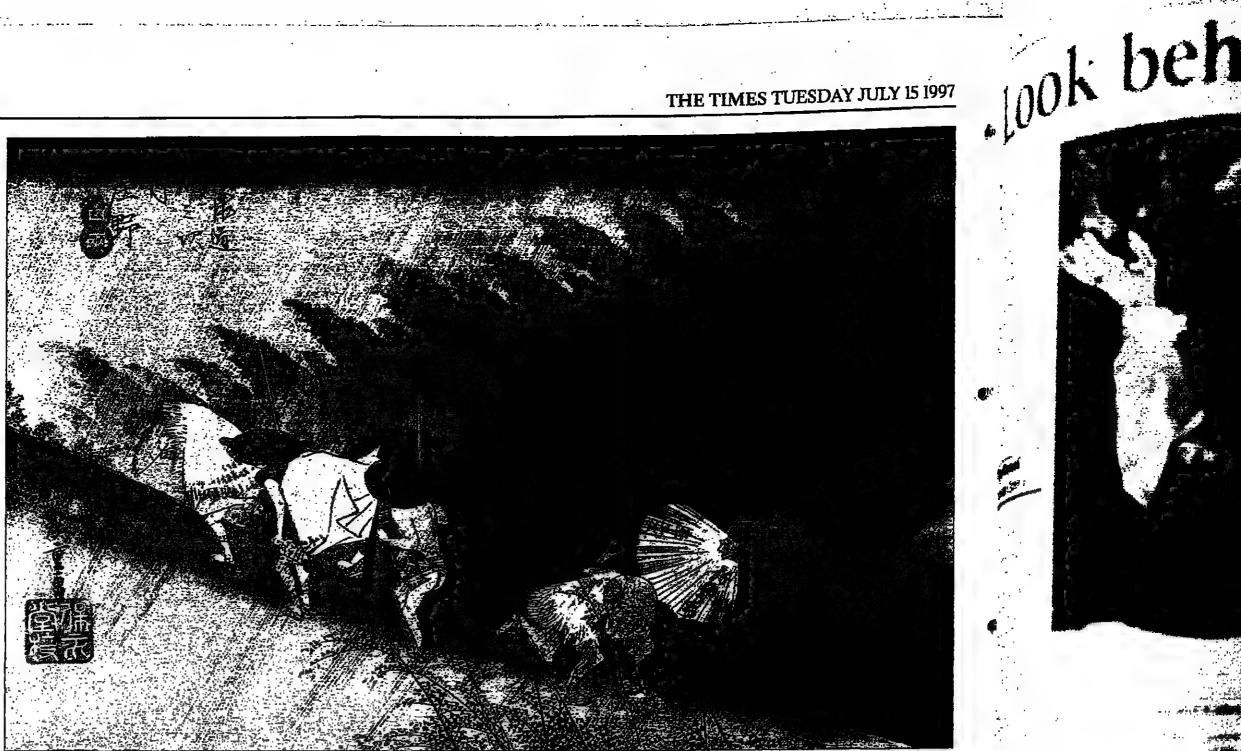
Hiroshige was born in 1797, and grew up in Edo (presentday Tokyo), already a city of more than one million inhabitants and rich in potential subjects for an ambitious young artist. Hiroshige, though, would never devote artist. Hiroshige, himself to images of urban-life. The earliest exhibits in the RA show are elegant, almost languorous studies of a blue bird alighting on a hollyhock, or a kingfisher hovering above an iris. However recognisable both birds and flowers may be, they are not weighed down by pedantic attention to detail. Hiroshige already cultivates a pared-down approach, summarising his subjects with a mastery of essential contours. Draughtsmanship, after all, lay at the centre of his gifts. He designed the woodblock

images, rather than cutting or printing them. Expert crafts-men carried out those tasks, while Hiroshige supervised the complex process at every stage. Ink drawing was his forte, and he soon learnt how to reduce everything to a limpid, highly refined se-quence of rhythmic lines.

But he only arrived at a more singular outlook by leav-ing the flower-and-bird im-ages behind. They belonged to a Chinese-influenced tradition which did not encourage pro-vocative originality, while landscapes had recently become the province of print designers who depicted the socalled "floating world". By the early 1830s, when

Hiroshige discovered his true voice, tourism was an important part of Japanese life. Visitors to fast-expanding Edo wanted souvenirs, and he shrewdly embarked on a series of "famous views in the eastern capital". He did not, however, tackle the urban sprawl. Nature remains paramount: a view of slendermasted boats in the placid Bay, of Edo is capped by reddening sunset clouds, a crescent moon and a cuckoo heralding the

onset of summer. Hiroshige was not afraid to let spectacular effects burst through the serenity. Fireworks erupt and fall in long. crimson fingers towards a fishing boat moored in the bay. Snowfall on the banks of the Kanda River transforms the city into a place of enchant-



"An instinctive feeling for the drama of the natural world": a detail from Shono — Sudden Rain, one of Hiroshige's print series 53 Stations of the Tokaido Road (c 1831-34)

ment, making the kimono-clad women stand out with startiing clarity against the whiteness. And when Hiroshige ventures further into the city. showing visitors and courte-

sans eyeing each other near the pleasure district, the people suddenly seem insignificant compared with the vastness of the moon's blanched orb, looming above the flowering cherry

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53 Stations of the Tokaido Road. Hiroshige accompanied a ceremonial procession along this coastal highway, around 1830, sketching views from the arduous journey from Edo to Kyoto. The expedition provid-

ed him with a wealth of material. But he had no intention of serving up complacent exercises in picturesque blandcoastal town find themselves

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customed to the city's comforts, he must have been astounded to discover how hostile the countryside could become. High rocks rear up threateningly by a lake, as about to convulse and explode with the force of Mount Fuji, gleaming on the horizon.

Travellers appear frightened as they pass a shrine made spectral by the mist, or trudge through heavy snowfall with the weariness of people long accustomed to strife with the

Many of the prints do seem

preoccupied with the dangers of the wild Japanese terrain. tar-black sky. Nee-dle-thin, the rain People cross a broad, currentseems capable of piercing the hud-dled figures as swirling river on a litter, looking toylike against the immensity of the peaks be-yond. Even when Hiroshige they struggle toenlarges his figures and places them in the foreground of a scene, they look just as vuinerimpressed by the ruggedness and ferocity of the island able. Ambushed by slanting rain on an exposed hillside, they bend as low as the row of beyond his metropolitan home. Ac-

trees leaning in the wind. Far from seeing nature as something placid, Hiroshige was obsessed by its incessant changeability. A contempo-rary of Turner, he shared the Englishman's awareness of the landscape as a living, often awesome presence, capable of making humanity seem frail and almost laughably diminutive. Unlike Turner, though, Hiroshige was not driven by a tragic vision of the world. However beleaguered his journeying figures may appear, they manage to battle on through storm and snow-

drift. They know how to

improvise, seizing the chance

in one poetic print to light their

pipes from a nocturnal fire

under a cryptomeria tree. The flames and glowing smoke irradiate the entire locale, suggesting that Hiroshige's early years - his father was in the fire service, and had wanted his son to follow him into it — had left him with a lasting respect for the power of fire. There is no suggestion, however, that it might blaze out of control. Hiroshige's art

is never apocalyptic. On occasion, his later work has an astonishing ability to anticipate 20th-century innovation. A study of A Large Waterfall turns the cascade into a vertical band of luminous blue, as uncompromis-ing as the colour running like a zip through an abstract canvas by Barnett Newman. It would be easy to distort

Hiroshige's achievement by seeing him as a precursor of modernism. He is far too infatuated with visible appearances to be seen in such a light, and yet his View Through a Circular Window is framed with a geometrical rigour worthy of Mondrian.

The truth is that Hiroshige's daring sometimes makes him seem nearer to our era than his own, even though this exemplary show discloses the full extent of his roots in an immemorial Asian past.

Hiroshige at the Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London Wi (0171-439 7438) until Sept 28

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

LIGHT shining from a high window only very slightly illuminates the stairs in Angelus 1997, a strangely elongated small painting. A light-bathed Tower provides a simplified, angular view through an impenetrable barrier. Howard Rogers has simplified his subject. playing down atmosphere in exchange for a dry, more confident sense. The city, in its strange sulphuric glow, thin watery sun, flyovers, walkways and underpass-es, is conveyed now less as a matter of loss or regret than a painted fact. An obvious sense of place is replaced by an alienated quality; in Shadow 1997 the extreme angles of a protruding greygreen corner loom out like the ocean liner in Fellini's Amarcord

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THE late Martin Kippenberger's work epitomises certain aspects of 1980s art. The Hotel Drawings are rather like souvenirs of another time. Each headed sheet is crowd-

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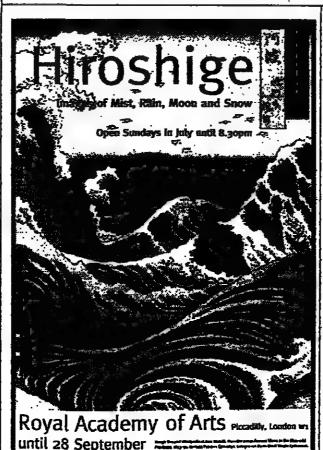
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vocal timbre is a precious ingredient in its performance. There is a pleasing propriety in performances by Westminster Abbey Choir with the English Concert directed by Simon Preston; the singing is, almost throughout, engaging and tonally refined. Winches-

sound, but these voices are disappointingly supported by a meagre sounding instru-mental ensemble. It is the Cheir of New College, Ozford with the King's Consort directed by Robert King, which provides the most consistently satisfying version of these glorious pieces. The singing is alert, expressive homogeneous in texture and vital in spirit, and displays an awareness of textual nuance and of Handel's consummate skill in highlighting its many contrasting images (Hyperion 0630-17067-2 £14.49).

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extraordinary new piece for Almeida Opera. commissioned (brave!) with funds from the Arts Council, is basically a melodrama in the strict sense of the term - a mixture of music and the spoken word. It's a curious form, one that flourished briefly in the 18th century with Benda's Ariadne and Medea (1775); Mozart was fascinated by melodrama, but his two experiments with it - Zaide and Thamos - significantly remained unfinished.

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But it pops up persistently in opera, in the Wolf's Glen in Freischiltz, the grave-digging scene in Fidelio at the climax



Strauss's Frau ohne Schatten, right down to the final scene of Britten's Gloriana. Every picture, or rather every panel, tells a story; it's a short-winded form. For the first 20 minutes you are fascinated by it; the next 20 are spent wondering if it's really working; when - as in the case of Benda's pieces, and indeed the 65 minutes of Battistelli's Cenci - you start drumming your fingers, it's suddenly over and you go home happy.

Yet "melodrama" seems hardly adequate to describe Battistelli's riveting experiment, any more than "total theatre". It's more like "live cinema", and the dramatic texture is incredibly dense. The spoken text is a drastically cut translation of Antonin Artaud's 1935 version of this heady tale of incest in high places. Battistelli's continuous accompaniment weaves in and out of it, punctuates and drives it on with great complexity - it must have been hell to rehearse. His musical language may be modernist, but is suffused with essentially Italianate lyricism, riever more so than in the romantic



Ian McDiarmid (Cenci) and Kathryn Pogson (Lucrezia) in a "live cinema" experiment

panying preparations for Beatrice's hanging, tenderly su-pervised by her stepmother.

The four actors' words are amplified, echo-distorted. hurled all round the auditorium, with the tiniest whisper audible; add heavy breathing, echoing footsteps, weird clicks and groans and whinnyings from every angle, and you are forever looking nervously over your shoulder just in case there's something as nasty happening behind you.

And the stage action is supplemented by film, some of it agreeably rude, some of it Anastasia Hille's equally in-constructive the idea of the tense, guilt-racked Beatrice,

guests at Cenci's banquet being on silent film, to be stopped and started at will, could well recommend itself to reluctant hostesses. These 65 minutes are certainly crowded with event.

lan McDiarmid's Cenci, his speaking voice swooping through more octaves than even Šir Donald Sinden could imagine, and writhing with an unbridled lust that might give Roger Corman pause for thought, is melodrama in the traditional sense — the point is that all this, together with

would be laughable were it not for the music, which consistently suspends disbelief and indeed commands the very opposite. As an investigation into what music can achieve. this is decidedly unsettling. No praise could be too high

for the conductor David Parry. the director Nick Ward, or the army of sound engineers who have collectively realised Battistelli's unique, Artaudworthy vision. There are repeats on Saturday and Sunday, warmly and slightly nervously recommended.

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THERE can be little doubt about the technical quality of Vic Hoyland's latest orchestral work. Lasting well over half an hour and requiring a percussion section so large that, on its first performance at the Cheltenham Festival, the BBC Symphony Orchestra had to spill out into the Town Hall auditorium. Vixen is an impressive achievement.

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Why it is called Vixen is a long story. It is an expanded and more sensual treatment of material used in an earlier work called For It also has to do with the composer's interest in an 11th-century Persian

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scholar, Ibn Sina, known in Europe as Avicenna, and with the architecture of the Centre for the Arab World in Paris and the sunlight falling on its facade. And that's the problem. Fox, Vixen. Avicenna. Vie's sun: while all these components might add up to something compellingly logical in Vic Hoyland's mind, to the average ticket-holder in

Cheltenham Town Hall they

are meaningless. But the score is so well crafted that it inspired much thrillingly brilliant playing from the BBC SO under the direction of Markus Stenz. The daringly slow, sustained violin line in the fourth of the five movements might not touch the emotions, but the way acoustic light is reflected from it, in tiny particles of percussion and harp sounds,

is quite beautiful. It was no doubt as a refuse from the stresses to come in Vixen that Stenz favoured such a sunny account of Brahms's Second Symphony, although Susan Bickley's performance of Mahler's Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen was less convincing.

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More than frolics needed at the spa

n the 19 years since Frank delivered to general Matcham's 1903 gem of an opera rapture. But somehouse was sumptodusly refurthing more unusual bished the Buxton Festival has had more than its fair share of tribulations. As has the spa town itself. The superb Crescent, shamefully allowed to crumble into dereliction, has now - courtesy of English Heritage money - been sandblasted back into respectability. externally at least. Unfortunately, Buxton's plans for refurbishing the interiors have been rejected by various lottery bodies, so Derbyshire's most elegant street remains boarded up.

That partial patch-up could serve as a metaphor for the festival. This year it has recovered to the extent that it can again mount its own opera staging. If has also appointed that fine baritone Donald Maxwell as artist in residence thus ensuring that a vein of vocal excellence runs through the formight. Yet Buxton still needs to rediscover the vital impulse of its early festivals.

True, the opening weekend's jolly diet of comic opera (sponsored by the Cromwell Clinic) was competently

will be needed if opera haffe are again to be

lured to the Peak District. Wexford's exemplary festival should be studied. The festival's own staging was a triple bill of Cimarosa's Il maestro di Cappella, Menotti's The Telephone and Wolf-Ferrari's Susanna's Secret. Maxwell himself blustered to good effect as the maestro with the imperfect grasp of his own score in Cimarosa's relentlessly frolicsome 18th-century satire, while the English Northern Philharmonia, elevated to the stage,

gleefully played his adversary. Maxwell was back later for Susanna's Secret. Here his bumptious husband was perfectly counterparted by the estimable Linda Kitchen as the lady whose guilty secret is . . . smoking. How quaint this 1907 tangle of misunderstanding now seems: the jealous husband is full of loving approval when he discovers that his wife has not

Opening Events Buxton Festival smoking is regarded as a far more heinous sin than adultery: a clever producer should try reversing

> the plot. Between these two miniature masterpieces Menotti's comedy of Manhattan manners à la 1947 was winsomely played by two rising stars: Lizz Pulman and Nicholas Garrett. All three operas were staged in an attractive Magritte-like set by Mark Bailey. pacily directed by Stuart Hopps and neatly conducted by Enrique Mazzola.

The weekend's other offering was less convincing. Life on the Moon is far more than a new translation of Haydn's "star-gazing" opera 11 Mondo della Luna. James Conway's version for Ireland's Opera Theatre Company condenses three acts to two and takes other liberties. At first the results are sharp and cogent, as a boorish miser is tricked into believing himself transported to a lunar landscape where men hold sway over submissive women.

moon" the action dribbles into tedium. and strained rhyming couplets about big telescopes achieving complete enetration" soon grow wearisome. Indeed, the tone leaves a slightly nasty taste in the mouth, and the music is not vintage Haydn, though the orchestral ffects are sometimes ingenious.

Yet with Harry Nicoll pulling the strings as the conman astrologer, Margaret Preece pumping out some stressful coloratura as the rebellious daughter, and Colette McGahon making the most of the lyrical moments as the lusted-after servant girl. Hilary Westlake's knockabout staging was certainly put across with energy. And in the pit Andrew Synnott coaxed mostly stylish playing from the North-ern Chamber Orchestra. An entertaining evening, then; but a festival that once dared to stage Beatrice and Benedict and Lucia di Lammermoor must raise its sights again, or risk failing the "so what?" test.

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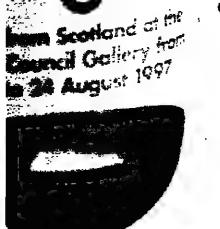
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The strong pound is here to

stay, says Anatole Kaletsky

The idea of continuous economic decline is deeply ingrained in the psyche, On Friday evening the pound rose for the first time in seven years above three German marks and ten French francs. Only ten days before that it had broken through the ill-fated exchange rate of DM2.95 chosen in 1990 by John Major to anchor Britain for ever into the Euro-

pean Monetary System. Less than a year ago, the pound was worth only about DM2.30 and British exporters could therefore sell their goods in European markets for roughly 20 per cent below the prices they now charge. This sudden surge of the currency has been faster than the pound's fall after Black Wednesday and far more dramatic than sterling devaluations of 1967 and 1949.

For manufacturers and ex-porters who are forced either to lose sales or to cut the prices they charge in foreign markets by 20 per cent, this currency appreciation can mean disaster. Yet, to people in the street, the strong pound hardly seems worthy of attention. They may have noticed Japaelectronics and German cars getting cheaper, and they will certainly enjoy

more purchasing power for their holiday money France and Spain. But nobody would dream of considering the 20 per cent appreciation in sterling as a political rvent — still less a

political crisis. One reason for public indifference is obvious. A weak currency tends to cause rising prices and thus hurts consumers, even while it helps manufacturers and exporters. A strong currency, by contrast, makes imported goods cheaper and consumers better off. Eventually people may start to complain about an overvalued exchange rate, but only after the exporting companies have started going bankrupt and which typically takes a year

The second reason for indifference is more interesting, since it also explains why economic policy is always too slow to react to leaps in sterling and why these leaps tend to be so sudden and steep. The British never believe that the strong pound can last. The Government and the Bank of England always assume that an over-strong exchange rate is "unsustainable" and therefore resist the policy measures that would bring the pound

Industrialists believe it is only a matter of time before the pound returns to a "realistic" level and so fail to protect themselves by hedging their export earnings until it is too late. And financial commentators encourage this complacency by loudly proclaiming that the high exchange rate cannot last and advising their clients to sell pounds, instead of buying them. Eventually industrialists and financiers start to panic when the forecasts turn out to be wrong. They then buy sterling at much higher levels than any of them imagined possible a lew

months before - and this panic buying pushes the currency up another stage, with the Government and the City loudly proclaiming that the process cannot last.

This is exactly what is happening today. I noticed commentators in the Sunday papers suggesting that the pound had now become so overvalued that readers might do well to open foreign bank accounts and exchange their sterling savings into francs and marks. A survey of City and academic economists published yesterday by Reuters showed that, on average, they expected the pound to decline to DM2.83 by the end of this year and to DM2.60 by the end of 1998. Not one of the 20 forecasters expected the pound to remain above DM3

These forecasts must come as a great relief to Britain's industrialists as well as to Gordon Brown and the Bank of England. There is only one problem. When these same people were polled by Reuters in April, their average expectation was that the pound would be down to DM2.70 by now; not one of them thought it would go as high as DM2.85. Why the experts are all so confident that the

pound will fall back in the months It will fall only Britain already has the highest interest once the rates in the civilised world and, with Eddamage is die George in charge at the Bank undeniable

of England, they are bound to move at least a little higher. Our trade deficit is very small, despite the fact that we are in the midst of a consumer boom while most of our trading partners are only just crawling out of recession. And Britain is not about to follow Germany in exchanging its currency for one managed by France, Italy and Spain.

Another point that is often missed is that labour costs in Britain are still 40 per cent Germany and six per cent lower than in France. This means that modern businesses in Britain with productivity levels comparable to those of Germany and France will continue to make good profits. even with the pound well above where it is today. But while Japanese-owned manufacturers and the City financial firms continue to prosper, thousands of the moderately successful but less well-equipped manufacturers in Britain's industrial heartland will go to the wall, as they

did in 1980-81 and 1990-92. It seems all too likely, therefore, that the experts will again be confounded. The pound will continue rising, especially against the mark, which is now the world's weakest leading currency - falling this year not only against sterling, the yen and the dollar, but also against the lira and the franc. It will "fall back to earth" only when the damage done to British industry has become so painful and so undeniable that the Bank is forced to relent. For many of Britain's middling manufacturers and exporters that will, by definition, be too late.



" IF ONLY WE WERE ALLOWED A CIGARETTE AFTERWARDS ...

Our sexual supermarket

The Government, like many liberal people in this country, has been persuaded that the age of consent for homosexual intercourse should be lowered. It seems like blatant discrimination to require homosexuals to wait until they are 18 before enjoying the rights accorded to heterosexuals two years earlier. This is certainly what the European Court of Human Rights would be likely to decide, and if you respect that court, as our Government does, you have little choice but to change the law.

But are liberals right to think as they do? In the politically correct atmosphere of an American university you can no longer ask that question. Liberalism is an intolerant creed, which regards dissent as the voice of oppression and covers it with ridicule. Nevertheless, there are many people who are opposed to the easy equation of heterosexual and homosexual intercourse, without knowing why. They deserve to be heard, not

least because they are the majority. Traditional sexual morality was lifelong union of man and woman, from whom a family would grow. All other sexual activity was regarded with disfavour. Of course, it was recognised that adults would get up to monkey business; but the main goal of sexual conduct - marriage and family - was never seriously doubted. A large part of sexual morality consisted in the strictures required if young people were to make successful marriages. Women were taught to hesitate, to retreat before sexual predators, to be chaste, on the assumption that nothing else would make them worth the enormous price demanded of their future husbands - the price of a lifetime's commitment. Men were taught to honour women, to regard them as needing their protection, and to stay the course of marriage. But a blind eye was turned to their youthful peccadillos, in recognition of the

privations to come. Meanwhile, the whole artefact and sexual morality is an artefact was fortified by an idea of normal sexual desire, and a socially enforced distinction between normal and perverted conduct. The sexual act, it was thought, leads of its own accord to sexual habits. And there is a great distinction to be made between the habits required by a lifelong commitment and the habits which lead to a life of self-indulgent pleasure.

The age-of-consent debate is really about liberal views of sex, says Roger Scruton

Gay subculture

puts boys more

at risk from

predators

than girls

The fact that this morality, or something like it, has emerged and endured almost everywhere is a clear sign that it has served our species well. True, there have been attempts by anthropologists to discover the living proof that alternatives can flourish. But the most famous in-stance — Margaret Mead, in Samoa - based her conclusions on evidence which has since been entirely exploded. Until encountering liberals, it seems, the Samoans were just like

And that is true of the rest of us. Until encountering liberals, Western

societies endorsed the idea of normal sexual desire; they endorsed the distinction between normal and perverted conduct: and riage as the difficult but necessary consummation of our sexual endeavours. to be enshrined in a vow of unending

commitment. And then the liberals came on the scene. The vow became a contract between "consenting adults", who wrote the terms according to their own requirements. Children lost their special place in the sexual project and became by-produots, to be avoided if possible until their cost could be met. Easy divorce, legalised abortion, and a growing acceptance of cohabitation without commitment effectively wrote the next generation out of the script. And you have only to take a glance at the next generation to realise that young people don't grow up as they should when they have been written out of

their parents' script. The triumph of liberalism has led not merely to a change in sexual mores, but to a change in the concept of sex. People no longer make love; instead they "have sex". Sexual behaviour is routinely described with an explicitness that removes the air of shame and mystery. Reduced to a bodily function, desire is emancipated from morality, and placed on display in the supermarket of pleasure. Sexual desire then ceases to be focused on the other person, con-

ceived as an individual, and becomes centred instead on bodily sensations. Pornography displays this transformation (which is, indeed, the purpose of pornography, since it is only if the personal character of desire is destroyed that it can be made into a commodity). But it has also been endorsed by an army of self-appoint-ed "sexologists", from Alfred Kinsey to Richard Posner.

Once this liberal conception of sex gains the upper hand, it becomes difficult to make a moral distinction between heterosexual and homosexual desire. If the goal of sex is

rensation, and if and the raising of children play no es-sential part in it. then what conceivable reason can ing the sexual contract to partners of the opposite sex? It seems like permitting a man to drink from the same glass

as a woman; but not from the same giass as a man.

The liberal conception of sex is adopted because it is easy, but not because it is true to human nature. We are bringing up children to regard sex as a commodity, and their sexual partners as interchangeable means to pleasure, rather than as objects of love and commitment. But we benefit nobody by this, least of all the children. Unless children see the sexual act as an awakening to adult life, in which a great risk is involved, and in which the other person is the true object of desire and love, their sexuality remains stunted and threatens to become antisocial.

If we reject the liberal conception of sex we must also reject the easy equation of homosexual and heterosexual intercourse. According to the traditional idea, the sexual act involves passing a threshold; it requires us to move outwards from the self into a realm that is partly unknown and in the normal case not fully knowable. Sexual possession is also a moral awakening, and a peculiar sense of responsibility comes from recognising that you have awakened

feelings which could never be yours. The heterosexual therefore makes nimself more vulnerable in the sexual act, and is in consequence more a suitor for love and understanding than the homosexual. Sex for him is a

foreign country, which he enters safely only with a trusted guide.

This helps to explain a fact that is more easily observed than commented upon; the fact that male homosexuals have a tendency to promiscuity. Unimpeded by the shame which governs women, the male homosexual may hasten to arouse in the other feelings which he knows in himself. The natural predatoriness of the male is shared by both partners, and the body of the one holds no mystery for the other. When the experience of the other is so familiar and predictable, and so shorn of any moral cost, no obstacle lies before the quick fix. Sex is becoming not just a commodity, but a disposable one.

For a great many homosequals, the preferred object of desire is a youth. Plato describes this feature as an integral part of the experience, and he demns homosexual intercourse for this very reason, because it impedes the higher love for youth which is the teacher's true vocation. In an age which regards repression as a fault, and which scoffs at the Platonic idea as it scoffs at every form of chastity, the search for the youthful body becomes an explicit part of the homosexual subculture. And that is why, in the modern world, boys are more at risk from predators than girls. Reject the liberal view of sex, and it ceases to be obvious that the age of consent for one kind of intercourse should be the same as the age of consent for the other.

But Plato points us to a deeper question. Certain people in every generation are attracted to their own sex, and especially to the young of their own sex. These people have traditionally been among the most useful and heroic members of society. Taught to repress desires which could be neither expressed nor acknowledged, they took a generalised and non-familial interest in the young. They were the priests, teachers. Scoutmasters and team coaches: "father" or "mother" to everyone's children. But what remains of that most valuable of human resources, when the element of sexual prohibition has been removed?

Libby Purves is away.

Ministry of all the talents

Out with the old, in with the cool,

says Chris Smith

Yesterday the Department of National Heritage became the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Why change the name of a five-year-old department? Does it matter? When Tony Blair asked me to take on this job, I told him that one of my priorities would be to find a name that better reflected the responsibilities and ambitions of a department whose work is of growand sense of national identity. The name Department of National Heritage was as inadequate and as partial as its unofficial alternative, the Ministry of Fun. Worse, it was inaccurate. Heritage looks to the past. We look to the future.

I have given the DCMS an overall aim: To improve the quality of life for all through cultural and sporting activities, and to strengthen the creative industries." I want to bring excitement into the life of the nation and the work of the Government; to make real quality of life available for

make real quality of the available for the many, not just the few; and to create jobs for the future. Culture is itself a word that arouses passions. The department's interests cover the spectrum of life in Britain, from the popular culture of music, television and the drama of the lottery draw to those areas of the arts which, in Matthew Arnold's classic definition of culture, are "a pursuit of total perfection by means of getting to know...the best which has been thought and said in the world" "Culture" is the word that best sums up the core of the new department's areas of responsibility, and is the term now used by the vast majority of

European governments.

The media are among the most potent forces in our cultural life. They are the means by which most of us enjoy most of our access to and experience of both the arts and sport: and much else besides. Their contribution to the economy is huge - and growing. They wield powers of patronage that far outweigh the financial resources of either the Arts Council or the Sports Council. To fail to acknowledge that or to ignore the need to maintain quality and diversity of the media, is to shut our eyes to

Sport is included in the title (for the first time) because it, too, is a vital force in our lives. Success and failure in sport raises or lowers national spirits more than almost anything remember the first Test in the current part of the definition of who we are as

The new department represents much more than a change of name. It is a change of direction. It is a recognition that cultural and leisure activities are of growing significance. Not only to individuals; they are also of rapidly growing economic importance.

They are the basic fuel of our hugely successful international tourist industry, and the heart of a series of activities in which Britain is genuinely a world leader - from music, theatre, television and software to such rising industries as fashion, advertising, product design and architecture.

"Cool Britannia" is here to stay. Employment in the cultural industries has consistently grown against a background of almost no change in

the rest of the economy.

The continuing strength of our "creative industries" opens up the prospect of Britain enjoying immense competitive advantage in the decades ahead, as economic activity becomes even more global and ever more competitive. These creative industries go much wider than any conventional definition of the arts, but they are all dependent on the talent and skill of individuals, which means that all of them are ultimately fed by the quality of our artistic and cultural environment. It is part of the Government's role to ensure that environment is rich and stimulating. The creative industries are a dynamic new sector of today's economy, and make an impact on our everyday lives. We want to ensure that they continue to thrive.

That is why Tony Blair has asked me to set up and chair a task force, which will include representatives of the Government and some of our most successful creative entrepreneurs — people like Richard Branson, David Putmam and Paul Smith. These are the people who understand how to build and develop creative businesses. They will help us to ensure that, right across Government, we provide the support and encouragement needed to help them to continue to thrive. They will be a powerhouse of ideas.

Employment and wealth generation, important as they are, do not represent the sum total of the Government's interest or responsibility. Our primary concern is, as it should be, with the quality of life in

every community in the country. Culture, the media and sport go to the very heart of what it means to be a civilised society. They are also areas of great and growing national strength. We should celebrate them and build on them. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport will play a full and active role in doing so.

The author is Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

Poor show

OF all the charges being levelled at Lord Chadlington, the besieged chairman of the Royal Opera House, none is quite so awful as the way he has treated a poor 82year-old woman whose only crime was to give her proudest posses-

It was like the parable of the widow's mite when, in 1987, Claire



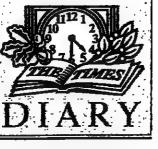
Eric brought it home from the Royal Opera House, where he's working"

Polish and Chilean descent, offered the Opera House a 19th-century French clock topped by a figure of Carlotta Grissi, the dancer who first played Giselle. She had become worried that it was too valuable to keep in her council flat. The house gratefully accepted her gift and displayed it on the chimneypiece in the antercom to the

At the beginning of last week, Mrs de Robillant wrote to Chadlington offering to take the clock back, for safekeeping, during all the rebuilding at Covent Garden. They could have it back when they reopened. She received no reply.

Then, on Saturday, the archivist at Covent Garden telephoned in a terrible state to say the clock had been stolen. The police have pictures of it and the auction houses have been alerted, but for Mrs de Robillant, it is too much.

"I had a stroke this year and my legs are like spaghetti," she says.
"Now this." She suspects an inside job, or else a rival in the vicious world of dance historians. "I cannot stand that Chadlington," she says. "He is a Gummer, no?



Hmmm. Tomorrow, I am going to dictate a stinker of a letter to him."

• As Diana, Princess of Wales, and her two sons find themselves hugged by Mohamed Al Fayed off the South of France, there are echoes of King Edward VII's liking for sailing with Sir Thomas Lipton, the tea magnate. While still the Prince of Wales, Edward was taunted by the Kaiser for "boating with his grocer". His mother, Queen Victoria, even wrote him a letter of admonishment: "If ever you become King, you will find all these friends most inconvenient and will have to break with them all."

Handouts

SADDLED with an embarrassingly large overdraft at Coutts, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent are relying on the British Red Cross for their feed. The couple have been invited by the society to dine free at its ball at London's Grosvenor House Hotel in September. The remaining 1,000 guests must pay £250 a head for their Pommery champagne, beluga caviare and

raspberry pavlova.

After the petits fours, there will be a chance for Prince Michael, a man renowned for his expensive taste in cars, to win a Jaguar XK8 sports car in the charity raffle. The Prince and Princess will be guests of honour," say the Red Cross. "The pleasure is ours."



● Lolicia Aitken, the separated wife of Jonathan Aitken, has been shedding the Tory wife twin-sets in which she supported her husband to the edge of the abyss and no further. Flying in from Faro, in Portugal, on Saturday, she was spotted in an Essex Girl outfit of shorts, T-shirt and suede fringe iacket.

Only when the plane reached London did she slip into a pair of chic leggings and whack on the wig and dark glasses in which she appeared in the Sunday newspapers.

Closed deal

WHEN Johnny Geller, a literary agent at Curtis Brown, received a manuscript from an author calling himself Anonymous, he thought, here goes, another one trying to write a *Primary Colors*. In fact, the novel. The Book of Dead Authors. had been written by his assistant, Emlyn Rees. 25. who in between all the office photocopying had put it together and sent it to his boss under a pseudonym.

"I received this thriller," said Geller, "read it and passed it onto Emlyn for a second opinion, which l often do. He had a look, gave it back to me and told me it was definitely worth a read. I invited the author in and a week later Emlyn

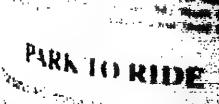


Emlyn Rhys: under cover

confessed he was the culprit." Impressed, Geller got his assistant a five-figure, two-book deal with Headline. "It was about enough to keep him happy, but it wasn't enough for him to leave us." says

"It was all rather covert," says Rees, "but I wanted him to have an objective opinion of it. When he asked me to have a look at it, I laughed. I told him that he must carry on with that one."

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THE TIMES

THE PRINCE'S DILEMMA

There are dangers in a Charles and Tony show

When the Prince of Wales first expounded his views - on the environment, inner cities, youth unemployment, the English lan-guage, traditional teaching methods — no mainstream political party shared them. This was convenient, for the Prince was deliberately trying to identify issues that would not embroil him in political controversy. Since then, however, another leader in pursuit of non-ideological, centrist policies has stepped into his shadow. This presents the Prince with a dilemma

For in many areas the views of the heir to the throne and the new Prime Minister are almost indistinguishable. One would perhaps have to go back to Disraeli and Queen Victoria to find such a meeting of minds between an occupant of the Palace and of Downing Street. If anything, Prince Charles was a Blairite before Tony Blair was. For more than two decades, he has been working with underprivileged young people through the Prince's Trust, helping them to move off welfare and into work.

It is not only a concern for unemployment that the two men share. In other areas, too, the Prince has led where the new Government follows: literacy and numeracy, community service, homework clubs, volunteering, mentoring, and encouraging businesses to help their local communities. Now the Government plans to deliver some of its Welfare to Work programme through the Prince's Trust. Prince Charles would not be human if he did not relish seeing a Government in place which will practise what he preaches.

The synergy is there for Labour too. Mindful of the past failures of grand government schemes for the unemployed, ministers are keen to pay smaller private and voluntary sector organisations to place young people in work or training. The Prince's Trust has great expertise in this area, helping some 50,000 young people a year. Although it now has an annual

turnover of £30 million, its costs are low because many of its workers are either volunteers or are seconded from business.

But if all this sounds too good to be true, it is. Soon after the election, newspapers were reporting a "partnership pact" between the Prime Minister and the future King. Only a month later, critics are starting to complain that the Prince is becoming too close to politicians. Yesterday he shared a platform with Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary. Later this week he is scheduled to meet, separately, Gordon Brown, David Blunkett and Robin Cook.

To turn down offers of money and cooperation from a Government wholly sympathetic to the aims of his charities would seem perverse. But the Prince needs to tread carefully. The success of his Trust — 80 per cent of youngsters leaving its programmes go on to jobs or study and 60 per cent of the ventures it finances are still in business three years on — is a function of its particular design. It relies on the motivation of its participants and a determination to listen to their views.

If the Trust were to be flooded with unwilling young people who feel coerced onto its programmes by the threat of losing benefit, the atmosphere on its courses might sour. And if it were to expand too fast, it could lose touch with its roots. Most worrying is the danger that an organisation which used to rely for its funding wholly on the private sector could be stifled by state bureaucracy and feel beholden to its new paymasters.

None of these is an argument for the Prince to sever his ties with the new administration. But he should try to develop a suitably princely distance from the politicians with whom he deals. His enthusiasm now may chime with that of the country. The Government's honeymoon, however, must one day come to an end. And the heir to the throne will not want to be too closely associated with it then.

CASH AND QUESTIONS

Greater accountability is required from Arafat

The Middle East has come to London this. week. Yesterday Tony Blair held meetings with both Yassir Arafat and Ehud Barak, leader of Israel's Labour Party. Mr Arafat outlined his frustrations with the present state of the peace process. Serious negotiations have been suspended - at the Palestinians' behest — since Binyamin Netanyahu authorised the construction of the Har Homa settlement in east Jerusalem. That impasse has dragged on for four months. The co-operation between Israeli troops and the Palestinian police in Hebron over the past few days suggests, however, that

relations have not broken down completely. British officials will have listened with sympathy. The Government would favour any fresh initiative that restored dialogue. But Mr Arafat's reported suggestion that Britain raise its own profile in the region, to reinvigorate the stalled discussions, will have been treated with caution. Although US efforts at mediation appear to have lost momentum in recent months, Mr Blair will not want to risk the appearance of secondguessing the Clinton Administration.

The Government should be rather more vocal with Mr Arafat on other matters. The Palestinian leader will meet Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, today to appeal for further aid. Britain is already one of the most significant donors, contributing £25 million this year. That figure does allow this country influence. Reports from within the Palestinian Authority indicate that nearly £200 million of recent outside contributions have disappeared because of corruption or incompetence. A number of powerful individuals — including Mr Arafat may have been enriched as a result.

The missing millions are part of a wider pattern of mismanagement in the Palestinian Authority. Economic development has been restricted by a set of official monopolies on products from cement to tobacco. Cronyism has swelled the bureaucracy. International investors, including many Palestinians resident overseas, have lost confidence in Mr Arafat. This has been compounded by the increasing use of censorship and the indefinite suspension of local elections.

There will be those who are tempted to ignore such transgressions. Mr Arafat has never had especially solid democratic intentions. Few expected him to make an easy transition from terrorism to government. Yet no alternative figure seems capable of keeping the Palestinian cause intact or dealing with Israel. If financial contributions allow otherwise hostile factions to be bought off, they might be seen as beneficial. Even Mr Netanyahu is likely to tolerate such abuse provided that Mr Arafat can keep Hamas and other extremists under control.

Such an attitude would be extremely myopic. Genuine peace in the Middle East depends on mutual trust between Israelis and Palestinians. The future of the region depends in large part on economic renewal. Yet even before it acquires the full trappings of statehood, the Palestinian Authority has developed the aura of unaccountable authoritarianism. If that persists, Israelis will have little faith in their prospective new neighbour. Palestinians will become further alienated from their ruling elite. That would offer an unattractive choice between repression and revolt. On behalf of both sets of taxpayers, Ms Short should not shrink from asking some blunt and searching questions.

PARK TO RIDE

Station car parks will encourage travellers to take the train

longest and fastest in Britain, the premier route from London to Scotland where the Flying Scotsman broke the world speed record and Richard Hannay fled his pursuers. The Great North Eastern Railway, holding this enviable franchise, has ambitious plans to exploit this high-speed electrified route that is especially attractive to those travelling north or south on business. A key proposal is the building of a parkway station at Hadley Wood, the point where the line crosses the M25, to encourage businessmen in Hertfordshire, Essex and Buckinghamshire to park their cars and take the train not the motorway. But Hadley Wood lies amid the rolling countryside of the green belt, and protesters are preparing to fight all plans to build a massive car park at

The East Coast main line is one of the

the existing local station. The railway argues, with justification, that without a car park, attempts to attract more business travellers will fail. Few people living in the northern suburbs are willing to travel into King's Cross in the early morning, only to flash back past their homes an hour later. Those who start out from their houses by car will continue to their destination by car unless there is a convenient and accessible interchange. If the Government is serious in wanting the train to take the strain, it should applaud and

encourage the GNER proposals. Defenders of the countryside will argue that the green belt has already suffered

enough depredations; that every pressure group can produce evidence to show that its building application is a special case; and that the station will spread blight and attract traffic to country roads as well as the motorway. Such objections have some validity; but they are as nothing compared with the advantage of keeping hundreds of thousands of long-distance travellers off the roads between London and the North.

The merit of the GNER proposal - and all similar schemes for rail interchanges off motorways - is that it recognises the realities of how people travel. Supporters of public transport tend to be so hostile to all car use that they assume that anyone opting to take the train will leave the car in the drive. This is unrealistic. Public transport will never make the car redundant. Policy should aim instead to reduce, not eliminate, car journeys. This will be set out in the Government's White Paper this autumn.

This does not mean that such parkways need be sprawling eyesores in the countryside. Local communities can decide whether they would prefer concentrated, multistorey or even underground parks, or more spreadout areas screened by trees and shrubs. Where the planning authorities should be inflexible, however, is in insisting that parkway stations do not become magnets for commercial development. They are not a place to shop or do business. They should be built not to despoil but, eventually, to protect Britain's countryside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Endemic flaws in the health service

From the Vice-President of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists

Sir, The Secretary of State for Health has agreed the building of many new and long overdue NHS hospitals (report, earlier editions, July 4), but where are the consultants to staff

Around 2,000 NHS consultant posts are currently unfilled because of the lack of appointable doctors. This has been caused partly by a failure in manpower planning and partly by dissatisfaction among the new generation of UK medical graduates. According to the latest study of the inten-tions of newly-qualified UK doctors (British Medical Journal, May 30). one in four does not want to work in the NHS.

NHS consultants are under tremendous pressure from managers to increase their productivity, almost regardless of quality of service. We already have the lowest ratio of doctors to our population in Europe - one for every 625 people instead of the average one in 400 - and now the workload in hospitals, with trainee doctors working fewer hours, emergency admissions rising and the number of beds falling, has become intolerable.

Nearly all NHS consultants seek early retirement in order to escape from the treadmill. This premature loss of skills and experience is keenly felt by doctors in training and by patients. Many trainees decide to abandon a hospital career in the face of such distillusion.

There is another disturbing feature which bodes ill for the future. In the last ten years the number of foreign doctors occupying our training posts has risen from 20 per cent to 33 per cent. Nearly all will return to their own countries to practise. These training posts are not filled by UK doctors - not because they fail in competition but because they fail to apply for them. We will not be training enough UK doctors to become the NHS consultants of the future.

Yours sincerely, ALAN B. SHRANK, Vice-President, Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association, 20 Crescent Place, Town Walls, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

From Dr Clive Walker

Sir, Weybridge and Walton Health Centres are both "non-fundholding and proud of it. For the last twenty years we have had consultants from several specialties running outpatient clinics in our health centres.

Today the clerk who runs our outpatients was sent a directive from her health authority managers. It informed her that there would be three appointments for West Surrey Health Authority (WSHA) patients (nonfundholder) and seven appointments for GP fundholder (GPFH) patients in each clinic, and that the computer template has been altered accord-

To rub salt into our wounds the clerk was also advised that with urgent cases GPFH patients could be out into WSHA appointments but not vice versa.

Yours faithfully. CLIVE WALKER, Weybridge Health Centre. Surrey KT13 8XD. cladwalk@intonet.co.uk

From Dr Alastair Lack

Sir, I am sure that many will be dismayed at the suggestion that Crown indemnity - protection from claims of substandard care or negligence might be restored to our hospitals (report, July 8). Should trusts be free to allow their standards of performance to drop below what is legally regarded as reasonable? Do we really want standards of hygiene to fall below what is required for us when we are

Of course not. Professionals working in the health service when Crown indemnity was removed were much relieved that corners could no longer be cut regardless of consequence, and must view the prospect of its return with considerable trepidation.

Yours sincerely, ALASTAIR LÁCK, The River House. Combe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire. jal@scata.org.uk

Age of consent

From the Headmaster of The Royal Hospital School, Holbrook

Sir, At a time of 12-year-old mothers and of young teenage girls being made to feel abnormal if they are still virgins at 16, is it not time that we took a firm stance to protect the sexual welfare of our impressionable young people?

If the Government favours sexual equality would it not give a clearer message if it were to raise the age of consent to heterosexual intercourse to 18 rather than to reduce the age for homosexual acts to 16 (report, July 14. later editions!?

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS WARD, Headmaster, The Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich.

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Limits to power of hereditary peers

From Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish

Sir, I was surprised to read (report, July 10) that the Prime Minister has used a small defeat suffered by the Government in the House of Lords on the Referendum (Scotland and Wales) Bill (report, July 5) to threaten the position of hereditary peers. It is simply incredible for Labour to claim the House of Lords is trying to sabotage

The amendment said that the Welsh referendum should be held on the same day as the Scottish, and not, as proposed, a week after the Scots have had their say.

I have all along made it clear that the Conservative Opposition would do nothing to impede the Government's honouring its manifesto commitment to hold referendums in the autumn. Indeed we have set down amendments which have expedited its pasage through both Houses.

I find the Government's hysterical comments even more ironic whenever recall the joy expressed by the then Labour Opposition when it managed to defeat the Government in the last Parliament.

I was on the receiving end of some of those defeats, and I cannot recall Labour spokesmen complaining about the support they received from the hereditary peers (of whom I am not one). Indeed they were often hailed, especially if they were Conservative or crossbench peers, as sensible men and women of independent thought. Funny how quickly that has changed.

Yours faithfully, MACKAY of ARDBRECKNISH (Opposition spokesman in the Lords on constitutional affairs). House of Lords.

From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC Sir, You have today reported the government defeat on the Referendum

Bill by 101 votes to 94 to draw attention to the fact that 59 of those who voted against the Government were hereditary peers. In fact the defeat would have been

avoided if 19 of the Labour peers who had been present at an earlier division had not defied a three-line whip by departing before the second vote. The suggestion made that the Prime Minister is out to punish Tory peers

for their conduct is wholly misconceived. The hope is that this will not be used as a meretricious pretext to deprive hereditary peers of their entitlements to sit and vote.

I am, Sir, etc, CAMPBELL of ALLOWAY. House of Lords.

From Professor Tom Cannon

Sir, The decision by the House of Lords to block devolution legislation highlights deep-rooted problems with the structure and composition of the Lords. Under the previous administration peers repeatedly backed controversial legislation which lacked manifesto or popular support. The most blatant example was, of course, the poll tax.

The Lords decision to block Labour legislation which was a clear manifesto commitment and has widespread support in the country illustrates the need for reform. Tony Blair may need to act quickly to avoid major problems with his legislative programme.

Yours faithfully, TOM CANNON. 13 Old Broadway, Manchester 20. July 10.

Case for freedom of information Bill

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, The Government has no excuse to delay the publication of a freedom of information White Paper (leading article, July 12). There is already a wealth of research going back 20 vears.

In the late 1970s James Cornford. Frank Field and Paul Barker were involved in drafting a freedom of information Bill. The Campaign for Freedom of Information has been working on a Bill and its implementation for 13 years. In 1993 the Labour MP Mark Fisher proposed a "right to know" Bill which had all-party support. Moreover, ample models exist in other countries. The new Government does not, therefore, start with a blank sheet

Little work would be needed to produce a White Paper if the political will was there.

Yours faithfully, RUTH EVANS, Director, National Consumer Council. 20 Grosvenor Gardens, SWI.

From Mr Bernard Selwyn Sir, Understandably, you express concern about the delay in producing the

White Paper on freedom of information from the point of view of the press anxious to breach the cult of official secrecy. However, there are more urgent matters.

Parliament, the Government and its agencies publish an enormous amount of information which important sections of the public must have: for example, legislation, committee reports and Ordnance Survey largescale maps.

The prices charged for that inforyears far beyond mere inflation, and Crown copyright (with the requirement to obtain permission and pay high royalties, even when there is no commercial element) is rigorously enforced, except for Hansard which can be obtained free over the Internet. It is thanks, I believe, to its freedom

of information policy that the US Government cannot obstruct the use of its publications or charge for them at prices comparable to ours. May we hope that the White Paper (to be published free of charge, of course) will take a similarly enlightened attitude for this country?

Yours sincerely, BERNARD SELWYN, 3 Hogarth Road, SW5. July 14.

From Ms Rita Osborn

Stubbing it out Pet sponsorship

From Mr Gerald Solomon

Sir, Your leader today, "Stub it out", Sir, Why bother with the hassle of a rightly argues that the age at which Tamagotchi virtual-reality pet (letters, July 7, 8, 12) when a problem-free alcigarentes may legally be purchased ternative is readily available? Sponshould be raised from 16 and that making them harder for young people sorship of a living creature is an excelto buy "seems a sensible aim". One lent way to show care for and enjoy a obvious method of achieving this pet, especially when someone cannot would be the prohibition of all tobacco have one in their own home, for whatever reasons.

My local (Ealing) branch of the Cats sales other than from licensed premi-

I am advocating a system similar to that for the sale of alcohol. With a high enough licence fee to make the system self-financing, and with the sanction of loss of licence for deliberately making under-age sales, smoking by young people would surely be reduced - at no cost to anybody except those who make money by selling the foul

Yours faithfully. GERALD SOLOMON. Sylvan, Pwilglas. Denbighshire. July 14.

Further to your letters

From Mr Alan Liddicoat

Sir. A letter of mine you published in January 1986 brought me hundreds of letters (letters, June 26, July 3, 5, 10). For a few days the postman delivered

I had joined in a light-hearted banter you ran about junk mail. I supported the stuff because it brought the postman to me each day as one who was "old, isolated, and alone".

At the time I was old, a lone widower, in the remote Devon countryside. The combination of those three words had a dramatic effect. Kind letters came from all sorts of people from all over the world, although chiefly from southeast England. A high proportion were written by doctors, teachers and children (at the behest no doubt of

Every child in one class of 12-yearolds in the Midlands, encouraged obviously by an imaginative teacher, wrote individually the most charming letters. Many hard-pressed GPs scribbled a few kind words on prescription forms. One lady in Scotland said she July 11.

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made it a rule to write to someone every day before she had breakfast. A child said my letter reminded her that she did not write to her grandparents enough. There were tips from businessmen on useful lucrative occupations. Large numbers of elderly people suggested pen-pal relationships.

Protection League has many cats in

care available for sponsorship, as do

many branches nationwide. At the

Ealing branch a small monthly contri-

bution will ensure the sponsor re-

ceives a photograph of their chosen

cat with background history, where

available, and regular updates. What

could be simpler?

Yours faithfully,

RITA OSBORN.

July 14.

299 Boston Manor Road.

Brentford, Middlesex.

To my intense embarrassment someone writing anonymously from France arranged with Fortnum & Mason to send me a parcel of brandy and cigars. The firm refused to disclose the name of my benefactor.

I received no proposals of marriage nor, interestingly, any letters from the clergy. One lady of slight acquaintance wrote to express disappointment that I had not let her know I was lonely. Letters came, mostly anonymously, in decreasing numbers for a couple of years.

Now I am very old, married again, and live in a town. The junk mail comes in greater volumes but I do not have time to look at it.

Yours faithfully. ALAN LIDDICOAT. 15 Kelling Road, Holt, Norfolk.

No job security for servants of God

From Rabbi Dr Charles H. Middleburgh

Sir, I feel profound sympathy for the Reverend Dr Alex Coker following your report (July 12) of his lost case at the Court of Appeal, which ruled that dismissed clergymen have no rights under employment law because they are servants of God, rather than employees of the Church. While I appreciate that it was all too easy in these circumstances for lawyers and bishops successfully to play word games with a man's livelihood to win their case, it seems a denial of natural justice, never mind religious ethics, for a man to be dismissed from his post

without an explanation. Clergy may feel themselves called by God, but those in the congregational ministry are surely called to serve God's people? The reality is that they are de facto employees of their communities, even if the traditional structures of the Church of England sug-

gest otherwise. In the Jewish community rabbis are employed by their congregations, whose membership subscriptions pay the rabbi's salary: all my colleagues have written contracts and, although they may be the spiritual leaders of their communities, they are employed by them to be so.

Whatever the legal technicalities may be, Dr Coker seems to me to have suffered an injustice in his treatment by his diocese and the court. If Lord Justice Staughton truly believes that clergy are the servants of the Almighty, then there are ample biblical statements telling us that God does not delight in those who let them down, as for example in Isaiah lxv.

Yours truly, CHARLES H. MIDDLEBURGH (Rabbi). Harrow and Wembley Progressive Synagogue, 326 Preston Road,

Prince and the Church

From Mr Oliver Elphick

Harrow, Middlesex.

Sir, Sir Christopher Cockerell seems to feel (letter, July 10) that the Church should adopt a modern morality. without reference to "some out-of-date book of rules which should have been scrapped long ago".

His modern morality appears to be that we should try to make everybody happy. But the Church cannot change itself to suit what Sir Christopher calls

"the thinking of the day". There is a vast difference between forgiveness and denving sin. By committing adultery, Prince Charles committed a sin for which he can ask forgiveness, and God will grant it. To deny that adultery is sin at all is to despise Jesus's own teaching and his sac-

The Church's job is to present Jesus. his sacrifice and his demands to the world. If it waters down those demands to make them comfortable, it

rifice; the Church must not do it.

Yours faithfully. OLIVER ELPHICK, Watergate House, 112 Watergate Road, Newport, Isle of Wight. oliver.elphick@lfix.co.uk July 10.

Commons prayers

From the Reverend Stephen Dick

Sir, Mr Donald Gorrie, MP. is to be commended for and supported in his early day motion to have the daily opening prayers in the Commons conducted by a rota of ministers of all religions (Diary, July 12).

Such a move would be an important symbolic recognition by those women and men who represent us in the Commons that Britain is truly a multi-faith society. It is so easy to exclude others without conscious in-

I think of the words of Henri Nouwen, the Dutch Catholic theologian who died last year: "I like to speak of prayer as listening. We live in a culture that is terribly afraid to listen. We'd prefer to remain deaf."

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN DICK (District Minister/Secretary, London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches), 15 Northampton Road. Crovdon, Surrey. steve@ldpa.demon.co.uk

From Mr J. Peter Morris

Sir, Perhaps different prayers are called for in the House of Commons in

different periods. An uncle of mine, Frank Collindridge, became MP for Barnsley at a by-election during the time of the Chamberlain Government. He maintained that the chaplain came in, looked at the Government front bench and prayed for the nation.

Yours etc. J. PETER MORRIS. The Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, SWI. July 13.

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COURT CIRCULAR

July 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, this morning attended a Service in St Giles' Cathedral for the Installation of Lady Marion Fraser as a Lady of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle and of the Viscount of Arbuthnott, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres and the Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden as Knights of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses were received at St Giles' Cathedral by the Chancellor of the Thistle (the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry) and the Dean of the Thistle and Minister of St Giles' (the Very Reverend Gilleasbuig Macmillan). Lord Eskdaill (Page of Honour

to The Queen) was in attendance.

A Guard of Honour found by The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers. with the Colours of the Royal Company, under the com-mand of Brigadier, Captain George Burnet, and accompanied by the Lowland Band of the cottish Division, was mounted in

Parliament Square West.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Luncheon Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for the Knights of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thurle.

The following were invited: The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry, the Earl and Countess of Wernyss and March. Colonel Sir Donald and Lady Cameron of Lochiel, the Earl and Counters of Elein and Kincardine. the Lord and Lady Thomson of Monifieth, the Lord and Lady MacLehose of Booch, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Captain Sir Iain and Lady Margaret Tennant, the Viscount and Viscountess Whitelaw, the Viscount and Viscount Younger of Leckie, the Viscount and Viscounters of Arbuthnott, the Earl and Counters of Crawford and Balcarres, Lady Marion Fraser and Sir William Fraser, the Lord and Lady Macfarlane of Bearsden, the Very Reverend Gilleashuig Macmillan (Dean of the Thistle), Sir Malcolm

King of Arms), Rear Admiral Christopher Layman (Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod) and Lord Eskdaill (Page of Honour to The

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this afternoon. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 14: The Duke of York today visited Ross and Cromarty and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Captain Roder-

ick Stirling of Fairburn).
His Royal Highness this morning visited Mupor Limited, Alness. The Duke of York this afternoon opened the new Visitors' Centre at Glenmorangie Distillery,

His Royal Highness later visited the Invergordon Leisure Centre, The Duke of York afterwards visited Zonal Audio Plastics,

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 14: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this

afternoon, at the University of Strathelyde, Glasgow, attended a presentation to employers in Scot-land on the work of the Trust's Volunteers Programme and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and the Secretary of State for Scotland (the Rt Hon

Donald Dewar MP). His Royal Highness, Patron, the Royal Opera, this evening at-tended a Farewell Gala Concert at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2, to mark the closure of the House for its

KENSINGTON PALACE July 14: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon, President the Royal Ballet, this evening attended a Farewell Gala Concert the Royal Opera, to mark the closure for redevelopment of the Royal Opera. The Closure for redevelopment of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2. YORK HOUSE

July 14: The Duke of Kent this evening attended a Gaia Performance at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, London WCZ.

Birthdays today

The Sultan of Brunei celebrates his Mr John Balding, racehorse trainer, >> Professor Sir James Ball, favorer chairman, Legal and General, 64: Professor Joselyn Bell Burnell, astronomer. 54: Sir Harrison Birtwistle, composer, 63; Mr Julian

innes of Edingight (Lord Lyon

Birtwistie, composer, 63; Mr Julian Bream, guitarist and lutenist, 64; Mr Geoffrey Burgon, composer, 56; Lord Buxton of Alsa, 79; Miss Carmen Callil, publisher, 59; Mr Robert Conquest, writer, 80; Professor Sir Nuffield College, Oxford, 73: Sir Alexander Durie, a former vice-president. AA. 82: Captain Sir Mal-colm Edge, former Deputy Master, Trinity House, 65: Mr M.A. Elliott, former general administrator, Nat-

ional Theatre, 61: Air Marshal the Rev Sir Paterson Fraser, 90: Sir

Simon Gourlay, former president, National Farmers' Union, 63; Sir John Graham, diplomat, 71; Sir Ronald Hadfield, former Chief Constable, West Midlands, 58: Mr R. Hammond Innes, author, 84; Mrs Ann Jellicoe, playwright and theatre director, 70; Mr C.H. Kelly, former Larry Lumb, former Editor. Daily

Express, 68.
Mr Henry McCubbin, former MEP, 55: Professor Brenda Milner, FRS, The State of the S Murdoch, novelist, 78: Mr Keith Orrell-Jones, group chief executive, Blue Circle Industries, 60; Mrs Juliet Pannett, portrait painter, 85; Miss Linda Ronstadt, singer, 51; Mr Ron Smith, trade unionist, 82: Air Chief Marshal Sir Ruthven Wade, 77: Lord



Maori warriors demonstrate their glaring eyes and protruding tongues — key features of a haka, the fiercest of the Maori war-dances, which they will be performing at the Royal Tournament that opens today at Earls Court, London. Seventy Maori warriors and maidens from the New Zealand Armed Services will take part

Company of Water Conscrvators

The Lord Mayor was presented with a measure of Thames Water in an inscribed glass jug by Mr Bruce Hewett, Master of the Company of Water Conservators, at a presentation held yesterday at the Mansion House to mark the 800th anniversary of the sale of the Conservancy of the River Thames by Richard I to the Corporation of London on July 14, 1197. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of Thames Water and the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency were among those present.

Meeting Royal Over-Seas League Professor Clement Dodd was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Luncheon

Retary Club of London Mr Clifford Charles, President of the Rotary Club of London, pre-sided at the ambassadors lun-cheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Sir Sigmund Sternberg also spoke. Ambas-

sadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic

Corps were among those present.

Inner Temple

Chief Justice Pung-How Yong Judge Richard A. Posner and Professor Andrew Ashworth, FBA, have been elected Honorary Masters of the Bench of the Inner

Archaeology booms as more join digs

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

certainly runs into six figures.

"Societies come in all shapes

and sizes," Mr Selkirk said.

"This directory will help those who wish to find out more." Nearly 100 organisations

will accept volunteers for ex-

cavations and other field-

work, and are highlighted in

the directory with a smiling

face, but some of the better

known ones "are booked up

years in advance". Some digs charge for participation, but what Mr Selkirk calls "imagi-

native schemes for volun-

teers" still exist this year at the

Eton Boating Lake dig, at Colchester and at Sedgeford

At the academic end of

British archaeology, there are nearly 2,500 undergraduates

reading for first degrees, and

nearly 1,200 working towards

MAs and PhDs. At the other

end, directory entries range from the Archaeological Div-

ing Unit at St Andrews, studying wrecks, through the

Ouery Study Group working

on ancient grindstones, to "Unexpected Archaeological

Discovery Insurance", for

that unwelcome find on the

in Norfolk

MORE than 100,000 people In Britain are probably involved in archaeology, according to a recent survey. They include 115,000 members of local and national archaeological societies, but only 707 full-time professional

archaeologists.

The survey, carried out by the magazine Current Archaeology, which itself re-ports a rise in circulation to more than 14,000 copies, is "a snapshot of British archaeology as a whole", according to Andrew Selkirk, its editor. The magazine's 152nd issue, celebrating its 30th year of publication, appeared recently, accompanied by a "Directory of British Archaeology" listing the diverse organisations which promote the

study of our past.
"There are 729 entries, of which 359 are societies," Mr Selkirk said. "There are also 118 professional organisa-tions, 37 universities teaching archaeology, and 52 county archaeologists who advise on the planning process and whether excavations should be carried out." More than 136,000 mem-

site of your new office block. bers support the diversity of bodies listed: although many Current Archaeology, Nassington Rd, London NW3 people belong to more than one society, the total almost 2TX, (0171 435 7517).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Inigo Jones, architect, London, 1573; Rembrandt, painter, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1606; Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1865-92, Totteridge, Hertfordshire, 1808; Vilfredo Pareto, economist, Paris, 1848; Alfred Harmsworth, lst Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of The Times 1906-22, Dublin, 1865; Dame Marie Tempest, actress, London, 1866; José Enrique Rodó, opher, Montevideo, 1872. DEATHS: Rudolf 1, Holy Roman

emperor, founder of the Hapsburg dynasty. Spires, 1291; James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate aon of King Charles II, executed, London, 1685; John Wilson, bota-nist, Kendal, Cumbria, 1751; Thomas Dermody, poet, London, 1802; Jean-Antoine Houdon, sculptor, Paris, 1828; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, poet and politician, London, 1839; Karl Czerny, ideals and politician, London, 1839; Karl Czerny, ideals and politician, London, 1839; Karl Czerny, ideals and politician in the control of the control pianist and music teacher, Vienna, 1857; Gottfried Keller, novelist and 1857: Gottfried Keller, novelist and poet, Hottingen, 1890: Anton Chekhov, author, Badenweilier, Germany, 1904: Emil Fischer, chemist, Nobel laureate 1902, Wannsee, Berlin, 1919; Hugo von Hofmannsthal, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1929: John Joseph Pershing, C-in-C of American troops in World War I, Washington, 1948: Ernst Bloch, composer, Portland, Oreson, 1959. poser, Portland, Oregon, 1989; Paul Gallico, novelist, Canada,

Today is St Swithin's Day. Jerusalem was taken by the The Royal Society received its Napoleon Bonaparte surrenden

to the captain of HMS Bellero-The National Insurance Act came into force in Britain, 1912.

Today's royal engagements

ANTHONY UPTOR

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace as part of the celebrations for their Golden Wedding Anniversary at

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a lunch at the Royal Automobile Club. Pall Mall, at 12.40. Later he will attend the Cottage Homes (the charity of the fashion and stores trade) dinner at St James's Palace at 7.00. The Prince of Wales, as President, Business in the Community, will attend the launch of their Principles of Corporate Community Investment at 1 Whitehall Place,

Prince Edward, as Patron, will take the salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, at

The Princess Royal, as Patron, SENSE - The National DeafBlind and Rubella Association, will open Blackmarston (Special School) new building, Honddu Close, Hereford at 10.40; will open Ross Community Hospital, Alton Street, Person Will as at 11.45; and will Ross-on-Wye, at 11.45; and will open the Kidderminster Library, Market Street, at 2.00.

Princess Margaret, as Honorary President, the British Museum Development Trust, will attend the annual dinner at the Museum at 8.00 for patrons and other friends of the museum.

The Duchess of Gloucester. as Deputy President, will visit the East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peterborough at 11.00. The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, will attend the annual dinner at Claridge's at 7.15. Princess Alexandra will visit St Katherine's House, Ormond Road, Wantage at 5.00.

Appointment

Sir Nigel Broomfield is to be Director of the Ditchley Founda-tion on the retirement of Sir Michael Quintan in August 1999.

Forthcoming marriages

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Mr J.P.D. Gibson and Miss C.J. Hasiam The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of the late Sir Alexander Gibson and of Lady Gibson, and Carina, only daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Haslam. Mr S.C. Boulton

and Miss S.E. Brooker The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Boulton, of Crowborough, East Sussex, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Brooker, of Little Easton, Essex. Mr B.L. Clifford and Miss S.L. Pickup

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr Brian Clifford, of Sissinghurst, Kent, and Mrs Jenny Clifford, of Bermondsey, London, and Locy, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Christopher Pickup, of Great Durnford, Wiltshire. Captain S.O. France

and Miss C.A.M. Pilkington The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Gilbert and Thea France, of Chinley, High Peak, and Catherine, daughter of Jack and Beryl Pilkington, of Fillongley, Warwickshire. Mr A.M. Glover and Miss V.L. Ricketts

The engagement is amounced between Andrew, son of Mr G.M. Glover and the late Mrs M. Glover, of Horsham, Sussex, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Rickens, of Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire. Mr R. Granger

and Miss G. Virag Gabrielle and Richard announ their engagement. They will be married in April 1998.

Marriage Mr A.J. Garth and Miss E.S. Griffiths

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12. at St Michael's Church, Chenies, between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Garth, of Sabden, Lancashire, and Eleanor, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I.S. Griffiths, of Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire.

Church news

New Bishops of Newcastle and

The Right Rev Jack Nicholls, Bishop of Lancaster in the diocese of Blackburn is to be the next of blackborn is to be the next Bishop of Shelfield, succeeding the Right Rev David Lum who retires at the end of August. The Right Rev Martin Wharton, Area Bishop of Kingston-upon-Thames in the diocese of South-

wark, is to be the next Bishop of Newcastle, succeeding the Right Rev Alec Graham who retires at the end of June. New Archdeacon of Huntingdon

Canon John Beer, Vicar, Granchester (Ely) and Go-Direc-tor of Ordinands: to be Archdescon of Huntington, remaining Co-Director of Ordinands (same Appointments

The Rev David Adams, Curate (NSM), St Edyth, Sea Mills (Bristol): to be Curate, Henbury (same

The Rev Steven Betts, Chaplain to Bishop of Norwich (Norwich): to be Vicur, Old Catton (same The Rey Paul Cox, Priest-in-

Charge, Petham and Lower Hardres and Nackington, and Elmsted w Hastingleigh (Canter-bury): to be Priest-in-Charge, Biddenden and Smarden (same diocese). The Rev Svivia Draper, Assistant

Chaplain, Billinge Hospital and Curate, St James and St Thomas Wigan (Liverpool): to be Team Vicar, St Nathanael, Walton (same

The Rev Glyn Evans, Vicar, Choppington (Newcastle): to be Joint Priest-in-Charge, Long-horstsy and Hebron with special responsibility for Longhorsley, and part-time Chaptain, Ack-The Rev Dr Robert Innes, parttime Assistant Curate, Durham St Cuthbert (Durham): to be parttime Assistant Curate. Pitting Sherburn and Shadforth (in plurality): remaining part-time lec-turer. Cranmer Hall, University of

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ELIAE - Peacefully in hospiral on Sunday, 13th July, 1997, Patricia (O'Neill), aged 84 years, dearly loved wife of the believed (filed 15th June 1997) and mother of Gail, John, Ann, Gerard, Patrick, Neil and Jane, much loved by her 27 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Funeral service at Holy Family Carboite Church, Raiswater, Cardiff, on Priday, 18th July at 2pm and afterwards at Thoushill Crematorium. No flowers by request.

ELIS - At home in Aberdeen, on Thursday 10th July, Jun Brass Estimated, Oli I. Elic, MB Ch 8, J.P. Beloved wife of Richard Ellis and dear mother of Jamet, Keith, Esty and Andrew. A much loved mother-in-law, and adored by her ten grandchildren, Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the end of July. Details to be amounced later.

FLETCHER - George Hopper CRE, FCA On July 12th 1997. Beloved husband of Kathleen, much loved father of Thes and Richard, gesuit grandfather of Julia, Louise, Harriet, Johnny and Alice, great grandfather of Emily. Funeral at 2.15pm on Monday July 21st at Queen Street Mathodist Church, Homcastle. Pamily flowers Street Methodist Church, Homeastle, Family flowers only pissue, but donations if desired in aid of Age Concern may be sent to R H Terner & Son Funeral Directors, 55-57 North Street, Horneastle, Lines LN9 5DX. Tel: 01507 522331.

FRUCHTER - Enchel Gillett aged 57. Died on Saturday 12th July in a bicycle accident in New York. She accident in New York. And leaves husband Norm, daughter Chends, son Lev and new daughter-in-law Jill.

GEOGREGAM - Ellem I.Dian (nós Mulcahy), beloved mother of John (deceased) and Colin Bright, passed away pencefully on 12th July 1997 at The Quinta Nurring Home, Bentley, Surrey, Funeral stavice at Aldershot crematorium at Aldershot crematorium at Aldershot crematorium at 1200 mm bitter 18th -Addenator crematorium at 3.00 pm. on Priday 18th July. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to E.C. Patrick & Company, Funeral Directors, 36 East Street, Paraham, Survey (tab 01252 714884).

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suddenly, but peacefully, on july 3rd 1997 at The Royal Free Horpital, Candin, used 92. Her funeral, for family only has taken place. Much loved, she will be greatly integed. JONES - it is with great safness that we announce the death of Squadron Leader Fewills High kness MA, EAF settled on Transfery Sth July 1997 at St George's Rospital SW17. Dearly beloved husband of Jean and tressued father of Melissa and Helma. The funeral has taken place.

JUDO - Cn 13th July 1997, Lady Zimmis Jodd, mother of Tim Follock and Charles Cantile. Funeral on Friday 18th July st St Luke's Church, Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire at 2pm. Memorial Service to be announced. Donations if wished to MacMillam Cascer Relief or King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. Enquiries to Levatton & Sons 0171 387 6075.

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CER - On 11th July suddenly David John Richard for MC (Dick). Beloved husband of Bidger, adored father of David, Caroline and Camilla and grandfather of Bee, Humphany and Ink. A private family service will take pince shortly followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in the autumn. Enquiries to Helm 0.771 493 0340.

the Militaria and Websit Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire in her memory. There will be a Thunkspiving Service at St Mary's Church, Rampton, Oxfordshire on 15th August

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MacCONACHE - 12th July at ventress Hall Nursing Home, Deritagon. Lr. Col. AD MacCounties 150 7CR and 39 years. Hesband of the late Betty and father of Hayeth, Alaschik Hary and Isla. Funeral Wednesday 16th July. Service St. Cuthbert's Church, Deritagon at 3.30pm followed by private cremation. No flowers plans. Descrices II desired the seat his the Garken william Fruit Jaf Floor, 35 labor Street, London WIM 2AK.

MELLOWS - Paul, on July 11th, 1997 at home with his family. Dearly loved and loving husband of Jean, much loved and respected father of Andrew, Michael, Beather, Robin and Julia and proud grandph of his twalve grandchildren. Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Church, Dorking at 11.30am on Priday July 18th Howens, or donations to his Godeon's Missionary Society, SIM UE, c/o Sherlock and Sons, Ivallis House, Dorking Eff.

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MCREAM - Brian aged 90, pascefully at Mariborough on 11th July 1997. Beloved husband of the late Essue and much loved father of Christopher and Vanessa who thank the Highfield Staff for their special cars. Funeral on 22nd July at noon at St Mary's, Chilton Points Inquiries 0171 379 8185. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Lessarch Fund, ofo Thomas Free & Sons, The Parade, Sons, The Parade Mariborough, SNS 1NE.

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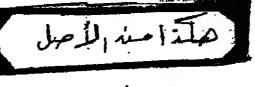
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ALEXANDRA DANILOVA

Alexandra Danilova, ballet dancer, died on " July 13 aged 93. She was born on November 20, 1903.

n a delightful book of

memoirs, Alexandra Danilova described the upheavals in family life which marked her earliest years. Born in Peterhof, near St. Petersburg, Alexandra Dyonysievna Danilova was orphaned in infancy. She was adopted by a wealthy St Petersburg family, and en-tered the Imperial Ballet School in 1911. Her years of study saw the end of the tsarist regime, the hardships of war and the early revolutionary

In 1920, however, Danilova graduated into what was now the State Ballet company (the Kirov) at the Maryinsky Theatre in Petrograd. Among her friends at school was George Balanchine, and in the sum-mer of 1924 he invited Danllova, already a soloist with the ballet, to join him on a tour of Germany with two other danc-

The effect of Western plenty upon this group of gifted young artists, accustomed to the privations of life in the Soviet Union, was considerable. More crucial was an invitation from Serge Diaghilev, ever on the lookout for new talent, to join his Ballets Russes, and in December 1924 Balanchine, his wife Tamara Gevergeva, Nicholas Efirnov and Danilova became part of

the Diaghilev troupe. Danilova was soon taking leading roles with Diaghilev. She was a pupil of Vaganova and Anna Johannson, and her elegant classical style and the sparkling wit she could bring to choreography marked her

out as an outstanding artist. For Diaghilev's company she created several roles, notably in The Triumph of Nep-tune and Le Bal by

Balanchine, with whom she was now emotionally involved. After Diaghilev's death and the disbanding of the Ballets Russes, Danilova eventually found work dancing for a year in London in the musical Waltzes from Vienna. Here she married an Italian engineer, but the marriage did not last long. In 1933 Danilova was in-

vited to join the revived Ballet Russe company, now being directed by Colonel de Basil. Here she returned to certain ballets in which she had already shone with Diaghilev Petrushka, the second act of Swan Lake — and gained a new repertory of Massine ballets with which her name was ever afterwards to be associated: La Boutique Fantasque and Le Beau Danube, In these the charm of her temperament as well as her beauty won over audiences wherever the company

The itinerant life of the Ballet Russe in the 1930s was exhausting, with lengthy American tours between the grander seasons in New York and European cities. As leading ballering of the company, Danilova set standards of professionalism and grace which were vital to the image and discipline of the company, as she was to do with every company she was associated

In 1938, when Massine helped to form the new Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, Danilova joined him, sharing the position of prima ballerina with Alicia Markova, a lifelong friend. With the Monte Carlo troupe, of which she was the star for the next 14 years of its mainly American existence, Danilova became one of the best loved and most influential

ballerings then dancing. She displayed a dignity of technique that reflected her illustrious schooling, and an longs only to the rarest theatre artists. These qualities were evident whether she was dancing traditional classics (in Coppélia she was a Swanilda ideal in style, wit and charm), or in the modern works made for her by Balanchine (including Night Shadow and Danses Concertantes) or in ballets by Massine (Gaité Parisienne was another of her

greatest triumphs).

With her long-time partner Frederic Franklin, Danilova seemed to a large public to be the incarnation of the excitement expected of the Ballet Russe and of a great ballerina. They made a memorable return to London, dancing at Covent Garden in 1949, and Danilova was also to dance with undiminished lustre during two seasons with Festival Ballet, When she finally retired from the ballet stage, after a performance of Raymonda in Japan in 1957, she did not at first desert the theatre, but appeared on Broadway in the musical comedy Oh, Captain, and produced some opera ballets for the Metropolitan Opera House.

Thereafter she was invited by Balanchine to start work at the School of American Ballet. where she was soon to become a valued member of the faculty. With Balanchine she also staged Coppélia for New York City Ballet, and continued teaching until nearly the end of her life. An indelible memory for visitors to the school was of the still elegant Danilova. skirts revealing her impeccable legs, passing on to students the secrets of her art and warming them with the undimmed magic of her personality. In her life as in her art, she remained a woman of rare beauty, elegance and generosity of spirit.

Alexandra Danilova was married twice: to Giuseppe Massera and then to the dancer Kasimir Kokitch. authentic glamour that be. There were no children.



Danilova dancing as a guest artist with London Festival Ballet (with Michael Maule)

PETER BLOS

Peter Blos, child psychologist, died in New Hampshire on June 12 aged 93. He was born on February 2, 1904.

KNOWN to his peers as "Mr Adolescence", Peter Blos was considered the founding father of adolescent analytic theory. His groundbreaking research spanned two continents and six decades, and his ideas about growing up made a great impression in the field of child psychology.

His book On Adolescence (1962) details the teenage struggle between the need to break free of one's parents and the strong desire to remain dependent. He considered this process of individuation to be critical to the development of a healthy psyche, and any failure to be a strong predictor of adult personality disorders. The book remains a basic text in universities.

Peter Blos was born in Karlsruhe, Germany, and studied education at the University of Heidelberg. After receiving a PhD in biology from the University of Vienna, he planned on becoming a science teacher. But a call from his friend Anna Freud - the daughter of the psychoanalyst Sigmund, and herself a practising analyst — was to steer him into studying the complexities of the human mind.

In 1927 Dorothy Tiffany Burlingham, the heir to the American Tiffany fortune, had moved to Vienna with her children for analysis with Anna Freud. Freud contacted Blos with a proposal to set up a school for the children and he, in turn, summoned a childhood friend, Erik Homburger, to assist him in the task. Homburger, later known as Erik Erikson, himself went on to an outstanding career in human psychology. Freud proposed that the

school be run on psychoanalytic principles. It was watching Tiffany Burlingham's children undergo the rite of passage to adolescence that persuaded Blos to abandon science for psychology.

He enrolled at a training institute in Vienna, but in 1933 the rise of the Nazi Party prompted him to move to the United States, where he taught in New Orleans before moving to New York for further analytic training.

In his own work with patients, he had a sympathetic. gentle manner. His informal, proach enabled him to communicate with, and to guide, very troubled adolescents.

In his second book, The Adolescent Passage (1979). Blos expanded his earlier account of the separation process. He argued that the first individuation occurs at the end of the second year of life, when the child experiences the distinction between self and non-self. He posited that a second and more complex stage of individuation occurs in adolescence, leading to a

sense of identity. Blos was also deeply interested in the tendency of preadolescent girls to become besotted with horses and riding. Analysing dreams of hundreds of girls, he postulated that the horse - representing a powerful, thrusting phallus, as well as an opportunity for a girl to lavish affection represents her identification with her father.

As founder of the Child and Adolescent Training Program at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, Blos trained successive generations of child and adolescent psychologists.

In his later years, Blos, who published widely, advanced a third radical theory: that boys have to work through their attachments to their fathers to separate from them, a reworking of the Oedipal conflict.

He leaves his widow Betsy, a son and a daughter.

CARL DOLMETSCH

Cari Dolmetsch, CBE, musician, died on July 11 aged 85. He was born in France, on August 23, 1911.

IN THE summer of 1917, Arnold Dolmetsch, the father of early music and pioneer of after, and made the first modern recorder playing, not- modern recorder to Baroque ed in his diary: "Concert specifications. Londres, Grand succes. Baba abandonne mon sac a main. contenant le recorder et mes outils etc à Waterloo en face de la plaiforme No.5. Désespoiri"

The bag contained a rare ments and reputation were to 18th-century Bressen recorder. Dolmetsch had, however, taken some measurements of the instrument and, after more than a year of experimenting. he succeeded in producing the tone and intonation he was

Thus was the modern Dolmetsch recorder born and the fame of Baba — Arnold Dol-

extend far beyond this childhood notoriety. He became the first virtuoso recorder player of modern times, and after his father's death in 1940, succeeded him as artistic director of the Haslemere Festival.

Carl Frederick Dolmetsch was the second son of Arnold Dolmetsch, himself a colourful character who survived three marriages and a bank-ruptry. Arnold had been a

as a piano-tuner. His chance discovery of some music for viols in the library of the Royal College of Music, inspired him to a lifetime's research into early music and the instruments on which it was played — work which helped to lay the foundations for the historical performance movement that thrives today.

Carl's mother, Mabel Johnston, was his father's third wife and a former pupil. Carl metsch's young son Carl — drummer-boy in the Franco-assured. Yet Carl's achieve- Prussian War before training after the family fled the en-

croaching American recession of 1910. However, with the onset of war in 1914 the family retreated to the bohemian atmosphere of Hampstead, where Carl was educated privately and - at the age of four - began lessons on the record-

er and viol with his father.

Carl Dolmetsch subsequently took violin lessons with Carl Flesch and Antonio Brosa, but at the age of 14 he was ordered by his father to restrict himself to early instruments and the recorder. With the threat of Zeppelin raids on London in 1917 Dolmetsch pere acquired a property known as Jesses at Haslemere, Surrey, which in time became something of a mecca

for the early music world. After the First World War. Dolmetsch recorders became popular the world over, and were manufactured in large numbers by Arnold Dolmetsch Ltd. They were championed not only by members of the family, who formed the Dolmetsch Ensemble, but by many others, including Miles Tomalin, father of the journalist Nicholas and a brilliant

In 1925 Arnold Dolmetsch founded the Haslemere Festival, and from the outset the BBC took an interest: Carl's broadcasting debut came at the age of 14. Despite a flourishing solo concert career and his taking over of recorder research and production from Arnold after 1926. Carl remained firmly under his father's influence.

Covering the Haslemere Restival in 1937. The Daily Telegraph noted that Carl excelled on the recorder, and a few months later the Society of Recorder Players was founded, with Carl as musical director, a position he held until his death. During the early 1940s the family firm was involved in supporting the war effort, including the

production of early plastics. Once hostilities were over, Carl drew on that experience to produce the plastic Dolmetsch recorder, used by millions of schoolchildren ever since.

He went on to enjoy an active musical career, touring extensively, particularly in America (where he had first performed in 1935), Colombia and across Europe. He lectured, wrote papers and edited music, as well as running the Haslemere Festival for more than 50 years. He was appointed CBE in 1954. In the 1980s, his collection of historic musical instruments was sold. and many are now in London's Horniman Museum.

In later life Dolmetsch was at the centre of a debate about the pitch of the BBC's Greenwich Time Signal, when he objected to the lowering of the

hourly pips by a semi-tone. After a radio interview on the subject, the Swiss cultural attaché called to ask if he was of Swiss origin because of his accent. He was not, but his nanny had been, and French always remained the domestic language among senior mem-

bers of the family. Aside from his numerous recordings, publications and arrangements — particularly of 16th and 17th-century music Dolmetsch was a champion of contemporary music for his instrument, commissioning more than lifty new works from composers such as Lennox Berkeley, Nicholas Maw and Jean Françaix.

Yet — and especially in later years — he was increasingly criticised within the recorder world for failing to move with the times and see beyond the

bounds of his family's achievements. In a sense the Dolmetsch family became victims of their own success. As the search for greater authenticity in the performance of early music gathered momentum in the 1960s, their inspiring and pioneering work in the field came increasingly to seem amateur and old-fashioned.

Carl Dolmetsch was a lifelong vegetarian, a keen ornithologist and a lover of natural history. His first marriage, to Mary

Ferguson, produced two sons and twin daughters, but was dissolved. Tragically, their youngest son, Richard, the most musically gifted, committed suicide at the age of 21 after a nervous illness. The other children and his second wife, Greta, all survive him.

Carl Dolmetsch with his daughters and his granddaughter

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A EUROPEAN UNION APPROVAL OF PRINCIPLE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, JULY 14 The greater part of the replies to M. Briand's questionnaire on the proposals for a federal European union, sent to the European Powers on May 17, have now been received by the Quai d'Orsay. In his original memorandum, M. Briand asked that the replies should reach him by July 15. The British reply, however, is understand that the British Government, in common with one or two other States, would have preferred to delay it until the autumn meeting of the League of Nations, but in compliance with M. Briand's wish, a reply of a general character is being sent. It deals with principles rather than detail. Great Britain, being already a member of a federation of nations, is in a peculiar position with regard

ю Енторе. The German reply has not yet been received, but it is expected that it will be handed to M. Briand by the German Ambassador almost immediately. The following are among the countries from which replies have already been received:-Austria, Greece, Lithuania, Larvia, Estonia,

ON THIS DAY

July 15, 1930

All through his long career in politics, the French statesman Aristide Briand (1862-1932), who had been Prime Minister and Foreign Minister many times, had been prominent in moves to promote peace and international understanding in Europe; now, boldly, he put forward proposals for

Italy, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, Denmark, Portugal, Czechosolvakia, Ruma-

a federal European union.

The replies of some of these have already heen published ... They show that there is a body of opinion completely agreed not only as to the necessity for further federation, but as to the general lines on which it should be sought. From the various documents there emerges an almost general conviction that in a federal European union the sovereignty of each State must be respected, that there must

be absolute equality between States, and that

participation in the union must be inclusive, complete, and permanent. The replies for the most part view the project as a proposal for a system of co-operation. On the negative side there is the objection that the greater States must not control the lesser ones, and that the federation must on no account be directed, or appear to be directed, against any other State or group of States. Opinions differ a little as to the best method of organisation, though the accepted view seems to be that, while the federal union must not overlap the League of Nations, it must work in complete harmony with it. Most of the replies are against the creation of a new Secretariat, and are of the opinion that the system of rotation, as practised in the League Assembly, would not be suitable to a federal union. It is evidently thought that a federation in harmony with the League, and perhaps based on the principles of the Geneva Protocol, would find support, as

being in the interests of peace. The replies devote a great deal of consideration to the questions of precedence between political and economic federation. But the great mass of opinion seems to be on the side of M. Briand, to the effect that a loose political federation must come first and that, when it has been achieved, a much tighter economic federation could be tacked on to it.

NEWS

Church plans 'gay priests' inquiry

■ The Archbishop of Canterbury paved the way for the ordination of homosexual priests into the Church of England, while speaking out fiercely at the General Synod against all sexual relationships outside marriage.

As Dr George Carey announced an international commission could consider "the entire area of human sexuality". the Government said that it would continue to resist European moves to end the ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces, but was likely to lower the age of consent to 16 Pages 1, 6

Lord Chancellor attacks '£1m lawvers'

Lawyers who earn £1 million in fees a year were lambasted by Lord Irvine of Lairg. QC, the Lord Chancellor, as the main reason why people are deterred from using the courts, rather than any modest court fees that litigants might pay Page 1

Andrews in box **Gulf War help** Tracie Andrews described in detail how a "porky man with big

road-rage attack....... Pages L 3 Beef shutdown

Two meat plants suspected of being part of an international smuggling ring shipping British beef to the continent despite a worldwide export ban have been

staring eyes killed her fiance in a

Communication gap Children handicapped by shy-

ness are on the increase because parents no longer have time to talk, a conference heard ... Page 4

Drug deaths Five Lancashire coroners ex-

pressed their anguish at "an alarming rise" in the number of young people dying from drug addiction and overdoses... Page 5 £25 million beguest

The widow of Matthew Harding,

42, the businessman killed in a helicopter crash, has respected his wishes, agreeing his mistress

and her child should get a £25 million inheritance.....Page 6 Tobacco action Britain will head an initiative to

ban tobacco advertising and sponsorship throughout the European Union by 2000 as government statistics showed that an increasing number of children are becoming addicted toPage 8

A £2.25 million deal for service veterans suffering from Gulf War syndrome, including extra cash for medical research, was announced...Page 9

Chirac attack

President Chirac accused the new Socialist-led French Government of obsolete economic thinking on jobs and privatisation and being lax on immigration......Page 11

Serb sentenced

Dusan Tadic, the Bosnian Serb war criminal, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by a United Nations court for his part in the 1992 "ethnic cleansing" campaign..

Spain grieves

In an unprecedented display of national grief at the bloodshed caused by the Basque separatist group Eta, Spaniards stopped work while the terrorists' latest victim was buried Page 13

Nairobi riots

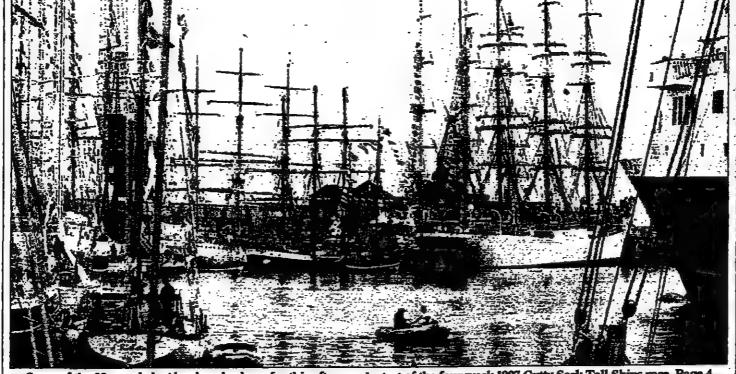
Kenyan police used live ammunition to break up riots in Nairobi's centre as protests to force President Moi to introduce basic political reforms entered a second .. Page 14

Von Trapps honoured

Almost 60 years after the Von Trapps fled from the Nazis, the family immortalised by The Sound of Music has been honoured in Austria Page 15

Stars bring down opera's old curtain

■ The curtain came down on the Royal Opera House last night with a farewell gala featuring some of its biggest stars of recent years. Placido Domingo, Felicity Lott and Darcey Bussell were among those who performed in front of three separate audiences simultaneously as the House prepared to close for a



Some of the 90 vessels in Aberdeen harbour for this afternoon's start of the four-week 1997 Cutty Sark Tall Ships race. Page 4

BUSINESS

Regulation: The Treasury will have to overhaul the legal framework of the Securities and Investments Board when it takes over control of City regulation Page 25

ICI: The chemical giant's shares soared 69½ p to 880p on announcement of the £1.8 billion sale of bulk chemical operations..........Page 25

Football: Martin Edwards, chief executive of Manchester United, and his family made £5.9 million selling 910,000 shares in the publicly quoted Premiership football .. Page 25

Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 57.9 to close at 4857.4. Sterling's tradeweighted index rose from 105.0 to 105.5 after a fall from \$1.6945 to \$1.6883 but a rise from DM2.9982 ..Page 28

Golf: All is slowly falling into place for the 126th Open Championship. at Royal Troon on Thursday. Tiger Woods has made his first appearance at the course _____ Page 48

Athietics: Roger Black, Britain's most successful athlete at the Atlanta Olympics, has been denied a place in the 400 metres for the world championships...... Page 48

Football: David Ginola, the Newcastle United and France winger, has agreed terms with Tottenham Hotspur and will complete a E2 million transfer after a . Page 48

Calcius: The International Cricket Council is being urged by Test match captains to act urgently to curtail an enlargement of the international programmePage 42

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Japanese mester: As a marvellous bicentenary retrospective at the Royal Academy until September shows, the 19th-century Japanese artist Hiroshige deserves to be relished as more than just an inspiration to European

Building a Library: This week we survey the four Coronation Anthems by Handel, and recommend the recording by the Choir of New College, Oxford with the King's Consort directed by Robert

Spa feetivel: This year Buxton Pestival has recovered to the extent that it can again mount its own opera staging. It has also appointed the fine baritone Donald Maxwell

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE

The age of the polyglot PC is nearly here, with translations from every language under the sun

Richard Morrison meets John Adams, America's top composer, in the week of his Proms appearance

cloudy with frequent showers. Wind fresh southwest. Max 17C (63F).

Shetland: early rain clearing to

ing what they consider sadistic and perverted fiction... Delightful: Rachel Morris relishes the delights of communal

prevalent?

Capital move: Microsoft is setting up a venture capital fund to stimu-

late growth in small British tech-

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Cutting edge: The number of Cae-

sarean sections being performed

is skyrocketing. Why is major

abdominal surgery becoming so

Reviled: Brian Evenson is a Mor-

mon reviled by his Church for writ-

Caching in: As American law firms recruit in London, English lawyers are cashing inPage 35

Shaping up: Tony Girling, retiring President of the Law Society, tells Frances Gibb he is leaving both society and profession in good shape to face challenges Page 37.

In the past few days an impressive force of energy has built up against the violence of Eta and its supporters. The Government and the political parties have the moral and political obligation to channel and administrate this collective impulse in an effective and democrat-

Preview: Larry Hand wants to be major again, but there is treachery afoot. True Stories: Rats in the Ranks (Channel 4, 9pm); Review: Peter Barnard on battles across the

The Prince's dilemma

The Government plans to deliver some of its Welfare to Work programme through the Prince's Trust. Prince Charles would not be human if he did not relish seeing a 4/5 Government that will practise

Cash and questions

Arafat's reported suggestion that Britain raise its diplomatic profile in the Middle East region will have been met with caution Page 21 Park to ride

The merit of schemes for rail interchanges off motorways is that they recognise the realities of how

people travel

CHRIS SMITH .

I want to bring excitement into the life of the nation and the work of the Government; to make real quality of life available for the many, not just the few Page 28: ANATOLE KALETSKY

The British never believe a strong pound can last. The Government: and Bank of England assume an overly strong exchange rate is unsustamable Page 26 ROGER SCRUTON

Until encountering liberals, Western societies endorsed the idea of normal sexual desire and the distinction between normal and perverted conduct Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

Contrary to the fear of some reformers that ministers are watering down the constitutional agenda, Robert Hazell, who ran the Constitution Unit, is rightly worried that they are trying to do too much, too quickly and in an incoherent way......Page 10

Alexandra Danilova, ballet dancer; Peter Bios, child psychologist; Carl Dohnetsch, musicianPage 23

Labour plans for NHS: House of Lords reform; Church job security; freedom of information; age limit

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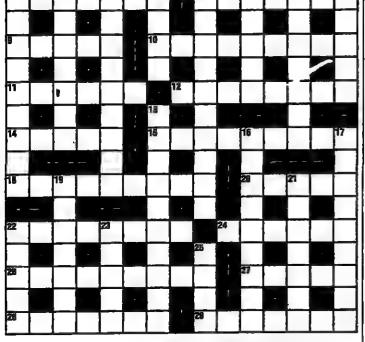
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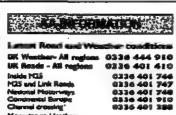
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Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. There will be more persistent rain over northern England, moving into Wales and the Midlands later. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny periods and showers after morning rain has cleared from southern and eastern Scotland. It will be breezy in most places. Tonight any showers in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and northern England will die out to leave patchy cloud. Southern parts of England will be mainly cloudy and misty.

leave sunshine and showers. Wind strong southerly, moderating later. Max 15C (59F).

Outlook: early sunshine in the east, but rain moving across the country during the day. On Thursday, a mix of sunshine and showers in constructors. London, SE England, E Anglia: mainly cloudy but dry with bright spells. Wind moderate, southwest. Max 25C (77F).

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Germans pose threat to City dominance PAGE 29



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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

TUESDAY JULY 15 1997

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AND FRANCES GIBB

THE Treasury will have to change the legal framework of the Securities and Investments
Board radically when it takes
over control of City regulation,
Rosalind Wright, the new
director of the Serious Fraud
Office said warehore.

Office said yesterday.

Mrs Wright who joined from the Securities and Futures Authority three months ago. said the SIB currently has no ower to fine City traders or ancial advisers who break its rules; this is one of the main sanctions of the self-regulatory organisations (SROs) that it is due to succeed next year.

Companies and individuals in the financial markets join the SROs and sign contracts agreeing to abide by their

SFO chief highlights watchdog's lack of teeth rules. As the SIB is a statutory keep the structure as simple body, it does not have those

uals under Section 59 of the Financial Services Act. The new super-SIB will have a civil fine problem, said Mrs Wright, pointing out that if the new body wanted impose a fine, it would have to do so under either the civil or criminal law, which would be much slower and require a higher level of proof than the

powers, but it can ban individ-

current SRO system. This is an issue that the Treasury has identified. It hopes to publish legislation and speedy as the current processes," said a spokesman. But we have to put it within a

legal framework."

The SIB regulates only a small number of firms directly, including Prudential Corporation and 3i. It is hopeful that the new legal framework will make it easier for it to take swift action against offenders.

Mrs Wright's comments came on publication of the annual SFO review in which she. called for wider use of fines and other civil punishments in the fight against fraud. Judges would be asked to confiscate

their families, force them to pay compensation to their victims and even close down their businesses. This could be alongside or instead of a

criminal prosecution.

However, Mrs Wright was concerned that Labour's decision that the UK would sign the European Convention on Human Rights might limit the use of fines. "One of the things being looked at in the context of civil fines is the issue of human rights," she said. "We found at the SFA that at the most serious end of the scale the civil tribunals would need a criminal standard of proof."

Mrs Wright also wants the

happens now in libel actions, with the judge deciding. "When you have a jury made up of lay people, espe-cially those who have got a

complex fraud cases to be

scrapped. She said there was a

strong case in certain complex frauds for use of a tribunal

consisting of a legally quali-

people who had experience of

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gue that in a particular case, a

jury should not be used, just as

She said she favoured en-

by the alleged fraud.

complex transactions " The Government is committed to a review of the jury system for complex fraud. Sir John Morris, QC, the Attorney-General, is thought to be sympathetic to Mrs Wright's views.

Prosecutions could be lost, she said, because of the need with a jury in such cases to try to simplify the fraud to an extent where "the basic criminality is lost' and "you lose the wood for the trees". The SFO review showed that the fraud prosecutor had a good year. In the year to April it brought eight cases to trial with 14 defendants and 12 convictions.

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Man Utd

chief

nets £5.9m By Jason Nissé

MARTIN EDWARDS, chief

executive of Manchester Uni-

ted, and his family yesterday made £5.9 million from the sale of 910,000 shares in the

publicly quoted Premiership

This brings the total amount realised by Mr Edwards from the sale of United shares in the

last 15 months to nearly £32

million. When he last sold

shares, in June 1996, he gave

an undertaking not to dispose

of any more shares for a year.

control of the club from his

father. Louis, still holds a 15

per cent stake in United,

which was valued at £63

It is only seven years since

Mr Edwards was in talks to

sell his holding in United to

Michael Knighton, who now owns Carlisle United, for £10

million. Manchester United.

up lp at 65lp yesterday, is valued at £430 million.

United said Mr Edwards

sold after being told by Merrill Lynch, the club's brokers, of

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Andrew Sentance, chief eco-

nomics adviser to the BRC, said that with interest-rate

rises only just beginning to

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1.1 per cent in June.

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Mr Edwards, who inherited

lootball club.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

SSS DOLLAR

Top pay for banker heading PFI unit

ondon close \$320.55 (\$320.15)

THE Government's latest business recruit, who is to head a task force on the private finance initiative (PFI). is to be paid a salary higher than any other official in Whitehall.

Adrian Montague, a mer-chant banker, is the first business figure to move into the new Government as a fulltime official. He will earn £160,000, a higher figure than Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service.

Officials at Sir Robin Butler's level earn up to £157,590. Mr Montague, currently cohead of global project finance at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, is taking a pay cut to join the Treasury next month as chief executive of the Government's new task force on the PFI, its programme to use private money for public

sector infrastructure projects.

Mr Montague's two-year appointment marks a departure for the new Government in drawing in senior business figures. Lord Simon came from BP to be Minister for Competitiveness and Europe, and other business leaders such as Martin Taylor, Barclays Bank chief executive, are working part-time on task forces. Mr Montague is the first to join as a full-time official.

Ministers insisted yesterday that the nature of the job was reflected in Mr Montague's salary. They said they wanted a "clean break", rather than Commentary, page 27 any secondment

ICI makes \$3bn from disposals to DuPont

BY PAUL DURMAN AND RACHEL BRIDGE

the commodity chemicals cycle by selling three businesses to DuPont of the US for \$3 billion (ELS billion).

-Britain's leading industial group is selling its polyester polymers business, its Melmex polyester film arm and its mex polyeser him arm and is transum dioxide operation outside the US. The sale means ICI has almost achieved the £3 billion dispersal target in set out in allow when it agreed to pay £50 billion for Unilever's specialty. chemicals business.

The sales and the prices they achieved received a warm reception in the City, with ICI's shares leaping 694p to 880p. But the deal immediately drew fire from unions representing the 2,600 UK employees who are to be transferred to DuPont The Transport and General.

Workers Union (T&G) said its was appalled that ICI was selling the businesses to DuPont, because the American company had broken promises it gave when it acquired ICI's nylon business in 1993. The union claimed DuPont announced the first 860 job losses within tho months of acquiring the nylon business, thereby breaking undertakings that there would be no job losses.

Pred Higgs, T&G national

secretary and the leading negotiator for the ICI employees, said DuPont's actions had been criticised as a major breach of faith by Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's then chairman, and by Sir Ronald Hampel, the present chairman. Mr Higgs is seeking urgent talks with senior management at ICI and DuPont to safeguard jobs.

ICI yesterday defended DuPont's actions, saying market conditions would have. forced it to take many of the same measures if it had held on to the nylon business. A Miller Smith: T&G attack

ICI has made another key DuPont spokesman denied his dertakings or guarantees.

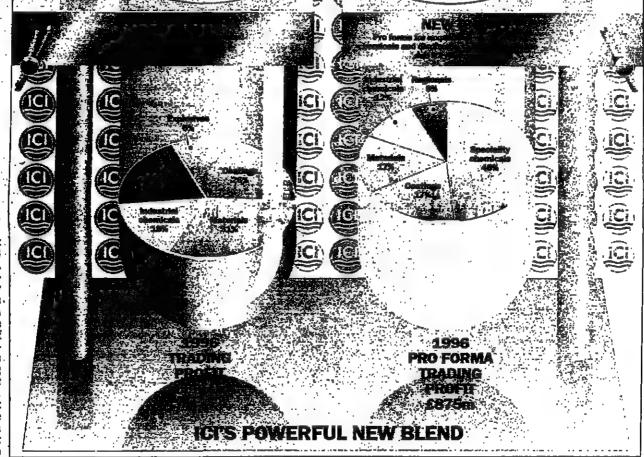
The British group's latest

disposals represent the third big move in three months in a transformation of the company aimed at creating "a new ICI for the new century". It is £4.7 billion of debt to complete the £4.9 billion purchase of Unilever's speciality chemi-cals business, which makes flavourings for food among other items. ICI has also just completed the sale of its £1 billion sale of its 62.4 per cent stake in ICI Australia. The shares sold began trading on the Australian Stock Market yesterday, rising 23 cents to A\$12.58 (£5.50) for a 63 cent premium to retail investors who subscribed for the shares

at A\$11.95. Charles Miller Smith, the former Unilever executive who is ICI's chief executive said the DuPont sales meant that two thirds of the group's businesses were now in the desired areas of speciality chemicals, coatings and paint and materials.

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Sterling climbs to seven-year high

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

THE pound hit another high yesterday as traders brushed aside weaker than expected factory gate prices and continued to bet on a further interest rate rise next month. But separate data published

today by the British Retail Consortium (BRC) shows the high street sales growth, which has been one of the Bank of England's principal concerns in the past few months, slowing in June. The pound reached a seven-

year high against the mark, of DM3.0335, before losing some ground to close at DM3.0239, back slightly against the dollar to close at \$1.6883, down from \$1.6945 on Friday.

up from DM2.9982 on Friday. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose 0.5 to a seven-year high of 105.5, although the pound fell

Economists said factory-gate inflation is expected to remain subdued in the next few months and should help to keep retail price inflation in economist at James Capel, added that input prices account for only 8 per cent of total manufacturing costs and the Bank will continue to focus on service sector inflation.

A fall in crude oil and food manufacturing prices prompt-ed another decline in overall raw material input prices in

By Paul Durman

ON the day London shares

soared to an all-time high, a

poll of Britain's pension funds

revealed that investment

managers believe shares in

UK companies are now as

overvalued as they were at the

The FTSE 100 index of

leading shares rose 57.9 to

time of the stock market crash

in October 1987.

check. But Adam Cole, UK June. Input prices fell 1.4 per cent between May and June, while the annual rate showed a fall of 8.6 per cent.

Factory-gate prices also fell 0.2 per cent in June, compared with a rise of 0.2 per cent in May. But the annual rate of increase ticked up to 1.1 per cent from 1 per cent in May

The rise was in defiance of

the results of the monthly

survey of investor attitudes

conducted by Gallup for

Merrill Lynch, the securities

house. The survey, conducted

two weeks after the Budget,

suggests fund managers fear shares are set to tumble and

are switching into gilts. Buy-

ers of gilts outnumber sellers

comparison with June last Retail inflation also remained The BRC sales monitor showed the value of like-for-

like sales rising 4.5 per cent in June compared with 4.8 per

cent the previous month. But building society windfall payouts boosted sales of

and the pound soaring, the larger items such as electron-Bank should wait before mak-

ber 1994. Investors have be-

come much more wary of UK

Fund managers fear shares plunge surge in the value of the pound and a fall in gilts.

> equities, with sellers outnumbering buyers by 18 per cent. Bijal Shah, a global strate-gist at the US securities house, said there is a significant risk of a large stock market "correction", although he did not predict a repeat of 1987's crash.

More institutions are pessimistic about interest rates. 4,857.4 yesterday, ignoring the by 29 per cent, or by more They are also less optimistic

about economic growth, and have downgraded profit forecasts. Merrill Lynch said the loss of the tax credit on dividend income has also made shares less attractive.

Foreign investors remain attracted to UK markets, especially as the gap in value between the FTSE 100 and the Dow Jones is the widest since

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panies that gave hundreds of thousands of people bad pen-sions advice in the 1980s.

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Skills shortages push up costs as construction recovery strengthens

By Martin Barrow

SKILLS shortages are driving up wages and costs in the building industry, which is enjoying a strong recovery after the prolonged recession

Bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters are in short supply as builders seek to expand their workforce to deal with a sharp increase in workloads. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, publishing its quarterly construction market survey today, says

STANDARD LIFE, one of the

UK's biggest life insurers, is

not quoting transfer values for

dend tax relief in the Budget.

The mutual warned custom-

ers yesterday that applications

to withdraw money from any

of the 400 final salary schemes it runs on behalf of corpora-

tions should expect delays in

Pension providers are re-

quired by law to give a quotation within three months.

Standard Life said yesterday it

had stopped all quotations

until actuaries had been able to

calculate how much funds were

Gordon Brown, the Chancel-lor, removed dividend tax cred-

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receiving a quotation.

layers and about 30 per cent have had difficulty finding plasterers and carpenters.

The shortages are, in part, a result of the dramatic recovery of the industry, which in the space of one year has been transformed from the most sluggish sector of the economy into the second strongest.

The shortages will also influence talks over pay due to take place later this week

between employers and the industry's three main unions. Formal negotiations aimed at averting strikes on prestigious building projects, including the Millennium Dome and Manchester Airport's new runway, are set to resume

Richard Houghton, RICS construction spokesman, said: Skills shortages, while good news for skilled workers, will inevitably lead to increased costs." The survey, covering

the second quarter of 1996.

give a further lift to the

a El billion boost to schools,

there will be £200 million in

released capital receipts for

social housing this year and a

further £700 million next year.

Mr Houghton said these mea-

sures were expected to lead to the creation of an extra 15,000

new jobs.
"The only cloud on the

horizon is the question of

come from in a climate which

The figures show the private commercial sector to be the motor behind the construction turnround. Demand for retail and office development in the South East has brought work-loads up to nearly 72 per cent of their December 1988 level from an April 1993 low of 42 per cent.

Surveyors are confident that

seven years of deep recession the construction industry is now performing in line with. and in many areas better than, the rest of the economy. The recovery started from a low hase but expansion is rapid especially in the southern regions of Britain, which saw the most dramatic falls in construction output."

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Ellis & **Everard** buys US company for £13m

ELLIS & EVERARD, the chemicals distribution group, is continuing the expansion of its American business with the £13.1 million acquisition of Mozel, a distributor based in St Louis, Missouri,

The Mozel deal follows the recent purchases of G M Gannon in New Eng-land and Taylor Salt in Virginia, which together have sales of about \$45 million (£26.6 million). Mozel is larg-er, with \$102 million of sales last year and pre-tax profits of \$2.2 million (£1.3 million).

Ellis & Everard, whose chief executive is Peter Wood, said Mozel was a very imporness. It takes the US arm into the distribution of speciality chemicals, and gives it a presence in the Mid-West.

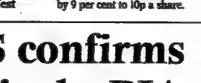
The group was reporting a 26 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £29.6 million for the year to April 30. Sales rose from £584.1 million to £645.3 million. Acquisitions contrib-uted £1 million of the £31.3 million of operating profits.

Although sales are almost evenly split between Europe and the US, the European business is much more profit-able, contributing £19.9 million last year against £13.6 million from the IIS

Everard hought Giltrain, Chemitrade and Waldenstrom & Krogh, a Swedish

Although gearing will rise to about 60 per cent after buying Mozel, the company is keen to make further acquisitions, particularly in France

Rarnings per share rose 14 per cent to 22.7p. A final dividend of 6.7p is planned for October 6, increasing the total by 9 per cent to 10p a share.



high as £500,000 is believed to have been considered by its disciplinary committee.

The warning is an embar-rassment for Ken Davy, the company's chairman, who is a non-executive director of the PIA. Mr Davy is on holiday and was not available for

rector, said: "We were aware of the PIA's review and its concerns. They have passed on a detailed list of observations to us. We now have the opportunity to make representations back to the PIA." The likely scale of the fine

reflects the size of the Huddersfield company and the new regulatory and political climate under Helen Liddell,

So far she has concentrated on the role of the 24 largest pension companies in the pen-sions mis-selling scandal which occurred between 1988

BA union drops protest plan Sir Colin may comment on baggage problems at Heathrow, which have fuelled a sharp increase in complaints in the past 12 months. BA has admitted that overstreiched resources at Heathrow resulted in baggage delays and flight cancellations well in advance of the current industrial dispute, raising fears about the impact on services of future cost cutting. The BA management, led by Bob Ayling, chief executive, is seeking to find £1 billion in annual cost savings by

Greencore takes control of Kears

GREENCORE GROUP, the sugar, flour and malt producer, has taken control of Kears, the baking group, for £25.2 million. The purchase will lift Greencore's stake in Kears from 49.99 per cent to 98.5 per cent. The remaining 1.5 per cent will gradually be acquired from Kears's executive management from 2001 on. Kears, which made-a pre-tax profit last year of £5.93 million on turnover of £82.7 million, is the holding company for the Starbake, Rathbones, Robertsons and Coolcore group of bakeries. Together they hold about 10 per cent of the UK bread market, making about five million leaves and the million college and the million because and the million college and the million because and the million college and the million because and the million college and the mill million loaves and ten million rolls a week.

The deal will be funded through the issue of £10 million of fixed rate 51 per cent loan notes. A further £10 million will come from the issue of 3.4 million Greencore ordinary shares. The rest will be paid in cash. Greencore's original investment in Kears of 20 per cent was made in 1990. It was increased to 30 per cent in 1991 and nearly 50 per cent in 1995.

Mutuals offer better deal

BORROWERS with banks that used to be building societies BORROWERS with banks that used in de outling stretches on average pay higher interest rates than those who have mortgages with societies that do not plan to convert, according to Which?, the Consumers' Association magazine. Which? said converters charge borrowers an average 6.75 per cent — 0.31 points higher than the mutuals' average of 6.44 per cent. Which? also said converters pay savers 0.39 points less interest than societies. The average for converters was 4.41 per cent; the average for mutuals was 4.8 per cent.

Arcon to float division

ARCON, the Irish company that recently started exporting zinc concentrate from its Galmoy mine in Co Kilkenny, is to hive off its oil and gas interests to a new company, Providence Resources, to be listed on Dublin's Exploration Securities Market. Tony O'Reilly Jnr., Arcon's chief executive, said the move addressed the reluctance of investors to commit funds to a company that has oil and gas interests and extensive mining operations. He believes the combination has dragged down Arcon's share price.

New chief for Ascot

ASCOT HOLDINGS, the diversified industrial group formerly known as Control Securities, has appointed a chief executive to work alongside Howard Dyer, the hard-driving chairman. John Grant, former group finance director of Lucas varity, takes up his post with immediate effect. He has close links with the motor industry, working for Ford Motor Company from 1967 to 1992, and becoming deputy chairman of Jaguar Cars in 1990. He is a non-executive director of the National Grid Group.

Trafficmaster agreement

TRAFFICMASTER, the maker of traffic jam warning systems for motorists, yesterday signed a three-year agreement worth £15 million to provide live traffic information services to a leading mobile phone company. The company was not indentified, but is throught to be Cellnet. Cellnet may give the Trafficmaster receivers away free with each mobile phone sold. Trafficmaster also said its network will be extended to cover 95 per cent of trunk roads by 1998.

Toyota lawsuit in US

TOYOTA MOTOR has filed another lawsuit to prevent Florida billionaire Wayne Huizenga's Republic Industries, from acquiring more of its dealerships. Toyota filed the Lexus, of Tampe Bay, and an affiliated Lexus dealership, of Clearwater, Florida, both owned by Gulf Management. Toyota alleges that Republic failed to comply with the company's established franchise requirements and policies.

Russian bank venture

SBC WARBURG and Brunswick Investments Ltd have agreed to create a new investment banking joint venture in Russia. The new joint venture, to be known as Brunswick Warburg, will be owned 50 per cent by SBC Warburg and 50 per cent by BIL together with management. Brunswick Warburg will comprise Brunswick Brokerage, the securities broking subsidiary of BIL; together with SBC Warburg's existing Russian corporate finance business.

New lines lift Cavaghan

CAVAGHAN & GRAY, the food company, made a profit of ES.4 million (£1.74 loss) in the year to March 31, despite the continuing BSE crisis. The company said it is continuing to develop a significant number of fish and vegetable based products to offset the depressed sales of minoed beef. Earnings per share were 5.42p, compared with a loss of 3.89p. It will pay an unchanged final dividend of 2.7p to give a full-year payout of 3.7p, down from 4.2p.

to dividend tax its for pension funds in the Budget. This means corporaon employees' final salaries will have to pay extra contri-butions out of their surpluses to ensure the payouts do not Andrew Black, marketing manager at Standard Life, said: "We decided to put quotations on hold while we calculated the implications of the Budget. This could take a couple of months. No insurance company has yet had enough time to work out how the removal of the dividend tax credit will affect the value of the fund or future dividend Meanwhile, insurance companies are bracing themselves for criticism when the Office of Fair Trading publishes its investigation into personal to say that many personal pensions offer poor value and that people who surrender policies early are badly hit by The investigation, launched last autumn, compared pension provision in the UK with that in eight other countries. personal pensions should be It also focused on whether the way pensions are structured is detrimental to women and is believed to have concluded that tracker funds offered better value than many The report is published only

Peter Wood sees Mozel as an important addition in the American Mid-West

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Woolwich to bill for lost shares

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE flotation of the Woolwich encountered fresh controversy yesterday as the former building society revealed it would be charging shareholders for share certificates that, have apparently gone astray.
The Woolwich flotation has

already been marred by administrative and computer blunders that have resulted in the delay of share allocation packs as well as the non-arrival of share certificates.

The Times has received many calls from a portion of the 700,000 or so Woolwich borrowers and savers who opted to receive certificates. Many are still waiting, despite assurances from the Woolwich that all certificates went

out on July 4.
One reader, who is still waiting, was told that he would be charged £11.75 for certificates. Woolwich claims that it will only charge shareholders for replacements. The Alliance & Leicester and

By Jon Ashworth

UNION LEADERS in dispute with

British Airways were planning to video

shareholders arriving at today's annual meeting in London — in protest at the

alleged filming of BA staff during last

The Transport and General Workers

Union (TGWU) considered disrupting

proceedings at today's meeting, which

comes as BA struggles to return services to normal. The plans were dropped, but some disruption by individual BA em-

ployees - many of whom are sharehold-

week's industrial action.

the Halifax, the other newly floated societies, will also charge savers and borrowers for certificates that fail to find their way to their rightful owners. However, at £17.62 both these banks levy a considerably higher charge than the Woolwich.

A spokesman for the Halifax said that shareholders were warned that they opted for share certificates at their own risk. The spokesman said: "If they are lost in the post, then we do have to

charge for replacements."

The Alliance & Leicester pointed out that there are administrative costs for replacing certificates.

Yesterday Woolwich shares closed up lp at 300½p, with another four million shares traded, compared with 367p on the first day of trading earlier this month. Halifax shares fell 42p to 7562p. Alliance & Leicester was unchanged at 621p.

ers - cannot be ruled out. A TGWU

spokesman said: "We can't stop individ-

ual employees from airing their views."

Shareholders are likely express con-cern at the mounting financial toll to BA, which has seen its schedules disrupted by

the industrial unrest. Analysts put the cost of last week's action at £15 million to

£20 million a day, while the ongoing cost

of lost revenues caused by passengers switching to other airlines has yet to be

seen. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of

BA, will seek to reassure shareholders

about the longer-term implications for

DBS confirms inquiry by PIA

SHARES in DBS, the independent financial advisers network, fell 80p to £10.65 yesterday as the company confirmed that the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the pensions industry watchdog, had started disciplinary action against it over pensions mis-selling. The PIA would not comment, but a fine as



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Less nightmarish on Elm Street

R osalind Wright takes no credit for the apparent good performance of the Serious Fraud Office last year. Although her predecessor as director, George Staple, presided over such embarrassments as the George Walker and Kevin Maxwell acquittals, his final 12 months saw the SFO scoring 12 convictions out of 14 cases brought to trial, including such crowd pleasing victories as Abbas Gokal, Richard Feld and Mr Walker's sidekick Donald Anderson. But good news is a rare commodity over at Ehn Street. And the effusive Mrs Wright is using the SFO's most postive looking annual review for many years as a lever to expand her

been implemented." And she's right. Although Lord Roskill recommended 12 years ago that there should be a unified fraud proscecution body, these days the SFO, Crown Prosecution Service, Department of Trade and Industry, Inland Revenue, and Oustoms and Excise all trip over each

Mrs Wright has come from the Securities and Futures Authority. which is now being folded into a unified super-Securities and Investment Board, covering the whole of financial regulation. Seeing one overly cumbersome investor protection structure simplified inspires her. Maybe the Revenue and Customs might hold on to their powers, but Mrs Wright does think the CPS and DTI should let her take charge of their fraud prosecutions. This makes sense, but only in

the context of a much wider reform of how all forms of fraud are prosecuted. Mrs Wright yesterday called for a greater use of civil penalties - such as fines, confiscation of assets and banning orders — and also pressed for the ending of jury trials in complex frauds. But she still wants the SFO to keep both its investigative and prosecuting role. This means the SFO would investigate complex frauds of more than £1 million; decide whether to try all frauds however large; decide whether directors should be disqualified; and negotiatate plea bargains where fraudsters might agree to pay compensation packages to avoid prosecution. It would also take over any criminal investigations arising from the work of the super-SIB.

This gives even more power to a body that does not have a continual.

body that does not have a particularly good track record. More



sensibly, the SPO should become a super prosecutor, working closely with the police fraud squads, DTI inspectors, super-SIB and even the Revenue and Customs. In complex cases it can lend legal and accounting advice, but would not actually investigate itself. This would reduce duplication and costs and might put a few more had boys behind bars.

Pension funds start growling

hould you believe City fund managers? A large plurality among managers of polled by Merrill Lynch reckons UK equities are a short-term sell. Institutional investors abroad agree. Yet someone has bought week since the survey to push the

FTSE-100 index to a new high. Sceptics will note that UK institutions have been consistent bears of Wall Street for more than two years, as New York share indices climbed inesorably higher. The average UK pension fund now has only 43 per cent of assets in the world's top economy. Even the rising pound has not rescued

this strategy.

Domestic fund managers were even bigger sellers of UK shares through most of 1996. Yet prices gained about 13 per cent.

This time, there are better reasons to turn off. The survey was taken just after the Budget, when the Chancellor axed dividend credits for pension funds.

Apart from making equities a less attractive portfolio choice in times of low inflation, that was likely to drive funds inno gilt-edged as the cheapest way to show the apart way to the characteristic of the characteristic contents. shore up actuarial solvency. Gilt-

edged yields have fallen so far that even the most prejudiced fund manager has also been forced to wonder why the average fund has only 3.2 per cent of its assets in higher-yielding prime UK property.

Shares are becoming absolutely as well as relatively less attractive. The Chancellor's gift of lower corporation tax is no match for the impact of sterling on export profits and foreign earnings. Aside from lower dividend returns, earnings per share are now expected to grow by a modest 6.8 per cent next year, a point less than before the Budget.

If you do have faith in fund
managers, expect only a shortterm correction to the FTSE 100 index. If this happens, it would

be unlikely to take the index below 4200, where it dithered in Spring. Although managers have run cash holdings down below 5 per cent, a tidy plurality still plans to invest more. In a typical bear market, investors choose cash rather than just shuffling asset preferences. That time has, it seems, not yet arrived. As base rates head for 7 per cent, it may come soon.

A Thorn in the side of splitting

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hy didn't anybody spot that Thorn was so bad before the demerger from EMI? Yesterday's policy warning - when Thorn chair-man Sir Colin Southgate proved himself the master of understatement by saying it was a "challenging" year — brings the grand total of shareholder value estroyed in the 11 months since the Thorn EMI divorce to more than £2 billion. This makes this an even more unsuccessful demerger than Hanson. The only hope for those clinging onto the two share certificates is for someone like Seagram to be tempted into bidding for EMI. This would also be good news for Sir Colin, who also chairs EMI.

and two other directors who have and two other directors who have contracts that give them three years' money if they are kicked out after a takeover. Their payout would top £8 ruillion.

The Thorn and EMI story

shows the danger of demergers. If you have an underperforming business, exposing it to the cold eyed glare of an uncaring market is not the way to deal with it. The City does not like surprises, and will savage the shares of demerged businesses once bad news seeps out. John Hoerner might consider this as he splits the outperforming Debenhams from the underperforming rump of Burtons. The City was marking down the shares of the entire group because it was worried about the high street multiples. If Hoerner does not deliver, those shares will take a nosedive.

Save Diane Abbott

NOT only will the Treasury Select Committee be more boring without Diane Abbott, but it may also be less effective. When Ms Abbott put her mind to it she could be an effective operator. Eddie George, for one, won't be sorry to see her go. Ms Abbott's probing during the Barings hearing exposed the Bank of England's shortcomings, paving the way for Gordon Brown's decision to move banking regulation to the new super-SIB.

Midnight deadline for Boeing agreement

By GEORGE SIVELL

BOEING, the aircraft manufacturer last night faced a midnight deadline to make serious concessions over its proposed merger with Mc-Donnell Douglas as Euro-pean Commission sources

said they could block the huge deal.

Both sides said progress was made during weekend talks, but Brussels sources said it was not enough to overcome the Commission's concerns that Boeing would strengthen its dominant position in the market for planes with more than 100 seats.

Bocing proposed change that eased one of the Commission's main ns. said one source who declined to give any details. The source added: "Some progress has. been made on one of the issues — altogether more progress needs to be made. They [Boeing] know the risk they take if they do not come up with proper reme-dies by midnight." Although the Commis-

sion has until July 31 to rule on the deal; it must allow time to consult untional antitrust experts. In practice, it must make a final decision at its weekly meeting on July 23.

Thorn price falls after warning

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SHARES in Thorn, the rentals group, took another battering as it reported more bad news on trading and came under attack from its shareholders (See Commentary, this page). Sir Colin Southgate, outgo-ing chairman, told the annual meeting that sales had fallen 8.5 per cent in the first quarter of this year, mainly because of the strong pound, which the company now expects to knock Ell million off full-year profits. The shares fell from 177p to

1582 p. The number of contracts terminated with Radio Rentals has risen by 20 per cent compared with last year. Sir Colin blamed the increase in insurance premium tax introduced in April and the impact of building society windfalls, which has encouraged custom-

ers to buy rather than rent. One small shareholder, noting that the value of his Thorn shares has fallen by more than half since . Thorn demerged from EMI last August, said: One gets the feeling that these things [demergers] are not done for the benefit of shareholders. They are done for the benefit of merchant banks."

Since demerger, the shares have been hit by litigation concerns in the US and disappointing trading. The company has shut 90 Radio Rentals shops, sold its Rent-A-Centre business in Canada and announced that it is to withdraw from its loss-making domestic rental operations in France, the Benefux region and Finland.

Sir Colin. who is being re-placed by Hugh Jenkins, Thorn's deputy chairman, said he had every confidence in the board, adding: "We are all disappointed by the attitude the market has taken to Thorn." He also defended the company's strategy.

"I believe we are doing everything right, but who can predict the future," he said, ment's surprise decision to increase insurance premium tax on electrical warranties. Another shareholder questioned whether Thorn was

now "just a holding company, waiting for somebody to take over the business". Sir Colin rejected this, saying: "I always believe in ownership and I don't believe in setting it up [the company] for somebody else to come along and buy it." Sir Colin said trading condi-

tions remained competitive in the US and the revenue value of the US rental base at the end of June was 7 per cent down on a year ago.



The write stuff: Peter Davey, left, and Philip Birt, finance director, saw profits climb sharply at Partners Holdings

Profits leap ior Partners

PARTNERS HOLDINGS floated on the London Stock Exchange in April, reported a sharp rise in pre-tax profits from £1.2 million to £2 million

for the year to March 31. The company, whose chief executive is Peter Davey, has opened eight stores since its flotation and now has a total of 88. It plans to have 100 by the end of the current year and 180 by the year 2000. Earnings per share were 5.6p (2.5p). The company will not he paying a final dividend.

Hire firms to consolidate

BY OLIVER AUGUST

THE number of businesses in the rental hire market will drop by 50 per cent in a furious consolidation process over the next five years, according to Ashtead, the market leader.

Peter Lewis, chairman, said that of 6,000 companies hiring building equipment and other machinery only 3,000 will survive. He said: "We expect the market to change its shape more in the next five years than it has in the last 30." The main reason for the consolidation in the highly fragmented market base. Small independent players dominate the market but they cannot satisfy the increasingly sophisticated rental needs of their customers.

Ashtead has emerged as the market leader with a market share of 14 per cent by offering a more varied product range to newly privatised businesses in the rail and utility sector. Mr Lewis said, Most competitors are too small to cater for

the needs of these businesses. Only 35 UK rental hire companies have annual sales exceeding £5 million.

Yesterday Ashtead reported pre-tax profits of £28.3 million in the year to April 30, up from £16.8 million. Turnover was £148 million (£96 million). Earnings were lop a share (13p). A final dividend of 2.93p (2.42p), due on October 8 makes a total of 3.65p (3.07p).

Directors to leave Capital restaurants

By Dominic Walsh

CAPITAL RADIO, which last week lost Richard Eyre, its managing direc-tor, to ITN, is to part company with Peter Webber and Stephen Gee, respectively managing director and finance director of its My Kinda Town

restaurants subsdiary. When Capital bought MKT for a hefty £51 million last November, it said the company's two executive directors would be retaining their jobs. However, their positions be-came fragile after the appointment in May of Russell Scott, from Harry Ramsden's the fish and chip shop operator, as

Capital has attracted criticism for its diversification into restaurants. However, an industry source said: "My Kinda Town was underperforming and Russell has some clear ideas on what he wants to do with it. It's no suprise these two are going."

MKT operates such brands as Henry J Bean's. Salsal, and the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory. It also operates the Capital Radio Café in London's Leicester





MICHAEL CLARK

Blue chip power leads FTSE to another record

THE equity market ended on another high note yesterday with a handful of powerful blue chips making all the

running.
The FTSE 100 index closed at its best with a rise of 57.9 to a closing high of 4,857.4. ICI accounted for about five points of this rise when its price leapt 691 ap to a peak 880p — adding £500 million to its price tag - as the City reflected on the proposed sale of its industrial chemicals business to DuPont for £2 billion.

This follows hot on the heels of the sale of its 62 per cent stake in ICI Australia for El billion and the purchase of Unilever's speciality chemicals business.

By the close of business almost 16 million ICI shares had been traded, with SBC Warburg, the broker, reck-oned to have set a target price for the shares of 950p to £10. Last night in New York there was heavy trading of the shares in the form of American Depository Receipts.

The action in ICI also focused attention on Zeneca, up 7812p at a new peak of £21.5812p, which was demerged from ICI in 1993. Brokers said the disposal by ICI had given them the chance to revalue the business and could prove (avourable for Zeneca, a perennial takeover

In the past Zeneca has been linked with the likes of Roche, which unveils figures later today, along with SmithKline Beecham, 43p better at £12.47. A total of 1.25 million Zeneca shares were traded and 4.13 million SmithKline. The low

levels of turnover suggested stock shortages.

Glaxo Wellcome jumped
59¹ap to £13.76¹a and HSBC 390 to £20.0012. BT put on 160 to 4561ap as one broker re-corded: "Traders are short of BT and long of MCI. They have been struggling to un-

wind their positions." Overall, the market was underpinned by Wall Street's ability to extend its pre-week end lead and a subdued set of factory gate prices for June. Heavy buying of the financial future also bolstered senti-ment. The FTSE 250 index finished 15.6 up at 4.423.9. Total turnover reached 737 million shares.

A renewed wave of takeover speculation sent shares of the insurance composites racing away. Credit Lyonnais Laing the broker, remains a big buil



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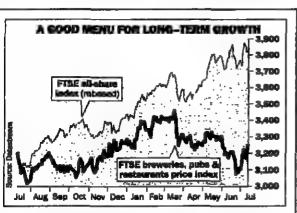
of the sector and forecasts growth in UK takeover activity after recent consolidation in Germany and Switzerland.

Takeover favourite Commercial Union led the way with a jump of 21 ap to 70 lp. David Hudson at Laing expects the insurers to outperform the rest of the market because respectable results will be posted soon. Gains

Royal Exchange, 2p to 276p, General Accident, 212p to 905p. and Royal SunAlliance, 4p to 464 ap.

A profits warning left Thorn 1812p down at 15812p. The group has reported that turnover during the first quarter dropped 8.5 per cent because of the effects of a strong

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Dixons Group advanced 14p to 560p after UBS, the broker, raised its profits forecast in response to last week's impressive sales update while reiterating its "buy" stance on the shares. It has lifted its numbers for the current year by £15 million to £240 million. year total sales reached

Full-year figures from Ashtead, the builder, lived up to City expectations and the shares celebrated with a jump of 10p at 30212p. Peter Lewis, chairman, said the market was undergoing heavy rationalisation that would see more changes in the next five years than experienced in the previ-

There was a positive response to the news that shareholders at HIT Entertainments had approved its rights issue and that the group planned to move from AIM to a full listing. The price ended 2712p dearer at 33212p. Rival SCi Entertainment rose 13p to 1821 as Carmageddon, its computer game, raced up the popularity stakes a week after

going on sale. A newcomer with an old name, Cammell Laird, made a positive start to trading after a placing at 100p. The shares opened at 1121 ap and touched a peak of 115p before settling at ll412D, a premium of 1412D. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Worries about continuing upward pressure on interest rates continued to overshadow the London bond market, which underperformed other European centres. This was in spite

of a benign set of European producer price numbers for June and a Merrill Lynch-Gallup survey concluding that fund managers were diverting spare funds in bond markets. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished E¹¹16 lower at Ell⁴⁵32 as the

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BY THE end of this year, ICI will be almost come to a decision. ICI could not win in these unrecognisable. The old commodity chemicals company is turning itself inside out in a determined effort to create a group of reliable growth businesses less exposed to cycles. Scarcely two months on from acquiring 13 billion of sales in speciality chemicals from Unilever, it is shedding £1.5 billion of industrial chemical businesses to DuPont at good prices. It has just completed the sale of its El billion stake in ICI Australia and has sold £120 million of property. In the context of a group with turnover of £10.5 billion last year, Charles Miller Smith, ICI's mild-

mannered chief executive, is entitled to talk of transformation and the creation of a new ICL The decision to sell polyester polymers, tioxide and other industrial chemicals cannot be faulted, barring the time it has taken ICI to

markets, where it found itself fighting competitors in developing countries who were prepared to plough billions of dollars into operations that chased volume at the expense of margin.

ICI hopes that speciality chemicals - those used in food, fragrances and detergents -- will prove to yield better returns. The company sterday suggested that it should be able to improve on the 6-7 per cent annual growth achieved under Unilever. It has already identified bigger savings and synergies than originally budgeted. A useful benefit will be reduced currency exposure as ICI sheds commodity chemicals businesses that sold products made in sterling but priced in marks. More disposals will follow and the rating should continue to improve.

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where Ashtead is one of the

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Plant hire is a young indus-

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Ashtead

ASHTEAD is so far ahead of its competitors that one is tempted to wonder whether they are in the same business. Plant hire sounds dull, renting equipment to construction companies emerging from a long recession. However, Ashtead has been growing at a tremendous pace and the company boasts a total compound annual return to shareholders of 50 per cent over the

past five years. In a sense. Ashtead has built its business on the back of the misfortunes of the construction industry: Wracked by recession and desperate to plug holes in their cashflow, builders have failed to replace expensive plant, preferring to hire equipment when the work-load requires it. At the same time, Ashtead has been pro-

IN TERMS of style, Bernard

Arnault is more like a foppish

member of the ancien regime

than a sans culotte storming

the Bastille. Nevertheless, he

is doing a good job of pulling

down the castle built by

Guinness and GrandMet

who have now agreed to

Whatever he proposes, they will find it difficult to

keep him out. There should

not, in principle, be any problem in bringing Moët-Hennessy into the fold — the

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Arnault's desire to see the

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removed is really a question

of timing rather than strate-gy. Pillsbury will be a useful profit earner as the huge cost

of putting the drinks busi-

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Long term there is no logic to holding on to Pillsbury as

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DOLLAR BATES

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Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jen Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul As ever, the issue must be price. Arnault will not be content with a small stake in this operation and the ques-

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In the future the profits

ous brands. Cost savings will be minimal as the Moët-Hennessy management is not huge and there will be no production synergies (Heaven forbid any Anglo-Saxon interference!). Bringing Arnault to the table will involve Guinness and GrandMet in giving up more than they gain. The two companies shares have had a good run; now is the time to

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Construction

THE building sector ought to be on a roll. Confidence is higher than ever, house prices are rising, consumer spending is up and the Chancellor's Budget promised a dollop of extra cash to mend school roofs and build more

Yet, construction shares have slipped since the Budget and relative to the market, they have been underperforming since January. While it is true that most sectors except banks and oil companies have been ignored recently, one might expect better from a sector where average earnings are

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due to rise by 30 per cent.
- Part of the problem is the anticipated rise in base rates, always a bad weather sign for builders and an oddity at a time of cyclical recovery. Also, the sector tends to outperform at the end of recession with at least half of the profits growth during an upturn expected to justify the early price movement. However, that is not enough reason to ignore the builders. Even if mortgage rates hit 9 per cent, that should not kill the housing recovery and it could lead to a steady mar-

ket, a blessing for this



Investors have begun gorging themselves on the grow-ing number of publicly quoted restaurant chains. According to Beeson Gregery in consumer spending has been good news for the

Beeson estimates will grow between 1996 and 2001 from £21 billion to a staggering £32 billion. Restaurateurs will benefit from better availability of sites, affordable rents and low

ommends Groupe Chez Ge-

Centre Restaurants, unchanged at 126p, which should start to benefit from significant investment and the London economy, along with Oriental Restaurants, 15p better at 2962p. where plans are afoot to open up to three restau rants a year.
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Oliver August on Frankfurt's

efforts to wrest control of

financial markets from London

or bankers, an affir-

mative answer to the

question Sprechen Sie

Deutsch could become

vital to their careers. Speaking

German may soon be essential

For years, the growing num-

ber of Germans in the City have been subjected to the

time-honoured taunt of "don't

mention ze war". Their em-

ployers had either bought old British houses such as

Kleinwort Benson or estab-

lished new head offices in

London. During induction

weeks, the German bankers

were told to humour the Brits

and their hang-ups. The jibes

were met with well-practised

smiles and the peace was kept-

in City wine bars.
But the balance of power

seems to be dipping the other

dominates wine bar talk is the

war between Frankfurt and London as financial centres.

And this time, the Germans

Frankfurt has ambitions to

could be on the winning side.

match London's position as

the best place in Europe to

take large amounts of money.

Of course, this is not the first

time they have said this. So-

far, the usual response from

the British has been a belly

laugh. No more. Now, it is

British bankers who smile

politely with a hint of embar-

rassment and try to recall a

few German O-level phrases.

Frankfurt has assembled an

impressive set of levers to

propel itself towards pole pos-

ition. And it has recruited the

Paris exchanges as partners.

For the first time in its history,

the City is facing a serious

Germany began its assault

on London's market position

with a total reform of the way

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counter accusations that the

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What has happened?

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Debonair crew get flying start over rivals A t British Airways, few things invite a more extreme reaction than the expression vir-

tual airline". At Debonair, the Lutonbased low fare operator, the term is openly embraced. For it means tight control of costs and lower fares - all the things that prove so elusive to former state-run monoliths such as BA, laden with their excess baggage.

This, at any rate, is what fund managers across Europe have been hearing in the last few days. Franco Mancassola, Debonair's chairman and chief executive, has called in on institutions from Frankfurt to Madrid, seeking support for an imminent listing on Easdan, the pan-European screen-based exchange. Pricing and allocation will be announced this week. Debouair, which has been flying for just over a year, is seeking to raise £25 million, reducing debt and providing funds for

expansion.

Mr Mancassola, who spent much of his career with Continental Airlines in America before founding an

Bundesbank were also gradu-

ally lifted to improve Frank-

furt's attractiveness. And

German companies were en-

couraged to break with tradi-

tion and seek listings rather

than be owned privately by

large institutions.
The Frankfurt stock index.

the Dax, has doubled in little

more than two years, closing

at an all-time high yesterday. Last year's flotation of Deut-

sche Telekom was Europe's

But setting the local trading

environment right was never

going to be enough to chall-

enge London's position.

Frankfurt's trump card is the

single European currency, which is only about 350 work-

ing days away.
It is on the euro that

Germany is pinning its hopes.

rency - and Britain's absence from it - could have on the

flows of money is particularly

obvious to businessmen oper-

sides of the Channel. Bernd

Pischetsrieder, the chief execu-

tive of BMW, which owns

Rover, recently said: "If Brit-

ain should stay out for a long

time at the beginning [of Emu]

the financial capital of Europe

will be Frankfurt, not

European companies such

as BMW or Unilever would be

London.

Jon Ashworth looks at the issues underpinning the staff dispute that has weighed so heavily on the board of BA

sold out at handsome profit - was inspired by the opening of Europe's skies; fully deregulated since April 1. Armed with start-up capital from private American investors, he set about creating a "clean sheet" air-line, leasing BAe 146-200 aircraft, and packaging out costs.

Ground and baggage staff wear

Debonair uniforms, but are employed by outside contractors. Maintenance is paid for by the flying hour, enabling Debonair to reduce its costs in a downturn - simply by reducing services. Mr Mancassola says: "We are a virtual airline, in the sense that all the fixed costs that a traditional airline has, we've eliminated."

Two incidents from his days in Hawaii shaped Mr Mancassola's thinking. One evening, he stopped reading and playing cards — all on full pay. On another occasion, he found salaried check-in staff sitting around idly between flights. "It began to form in my mind that an airline should be a marketing organisation selling seats. Having shed the excess cost, you can pass it on to the consumer.

The "virtual" argument can be taken too far, though, and nothing should impair the enjoyment of passengers. Cabin crew and pilots are not part of the equation. Mr Mancassola says: "The airline has only one asset: the customer, You can't mortgage your only asset. Airlines are a service industry. The

passenger is everything." This is the theme underpinning the entire BA dispute. Relations between the management, led by Bob Ayling, the BA chief executive,

Don't mention the euro as Germany

and many of the BA employees, from baggage handlers to cabin crew, have broken down in the general climate of distrust and misgiving. Staff are suspicious of BA's links with a charter airline called Flying Colours, and fear that the business of flying will be parcelled out to outside operators, bringing lower salaries and job insecurity. BA has denied seeking to turn itself into a "virtual airline", but has yet to clarify its intentions with respect to Flying

A s for Debonair, virtuality is all very well, but small air-lines have the odds stacked against them. Flying out of Luton as opposed to London City Airport, for instance — is not a plus for travellers. There is also no shortage of competition. Debonair has six Europe, competing with the likes of EasyJet, also based in Luton, and Air UK, which flies from Stansted. Virgin Express, based in Brussels, competes on inter-European routes.

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The carrier made an operating loss of £15.7 million in the year to end-March on sales of £14.2 million, but hopes to break even this year. The all-important indicator of cost per mile - 8.3p at launch - is down to 7.3p, and heading for the target of 6.5p. Debonair carried 460,000 passengers in its first year of operation.

Mr Mancassola is outwardly confident - as one would expect of someone going cap-in-hand to the market. Within three to four years, he hopes to have 15 to 20 aircraft feeding regional business to Europe's national carriers, whom he thinks will be compelled to abandon routes of less than 1,000 miles on the grounds that they are not costefficient. A financial link with one of the carriers could follow — in the style of KLM, which last week took full control of Air UK.

BUSINESS LETTER

Building society posturing sickens

From Mr Trevor Kingston Sir, As an unabashed "carpet bagger" I am heartily sick of the hypocritical posturing of the building societies on this issue. The movement has long since relinquished any right to occupy the moral high ground and to talk of "fair rewards for loyal members".

If societies have truly been run "by the members for the members", one wonders how huge reserves have been built up in the first place. Clearly, the management has, through policy, charged borrowers too much interest and rewarded savers with too little, over a long period of time. No doubt the directors' bonuses have been healthy because of this policy, but how have the ordinary members benfitted?

If the interests of loyal, long-standing members are really the issue, why do societies offer cashbacks, discount rates and new borrowers which are not available to "loyal" borrowers of many years' standing? Who exactly is subsidising these deals? The loyal members, of

Similarly, why have societies pursued a policy of inventing new accounts with special tiers of interest, then failed to notify existing members that they are losing out by leaving their savings in old accounts? Again, loyal members have been used to subsidise the rewards offered to floating investors. The societies cannot have it

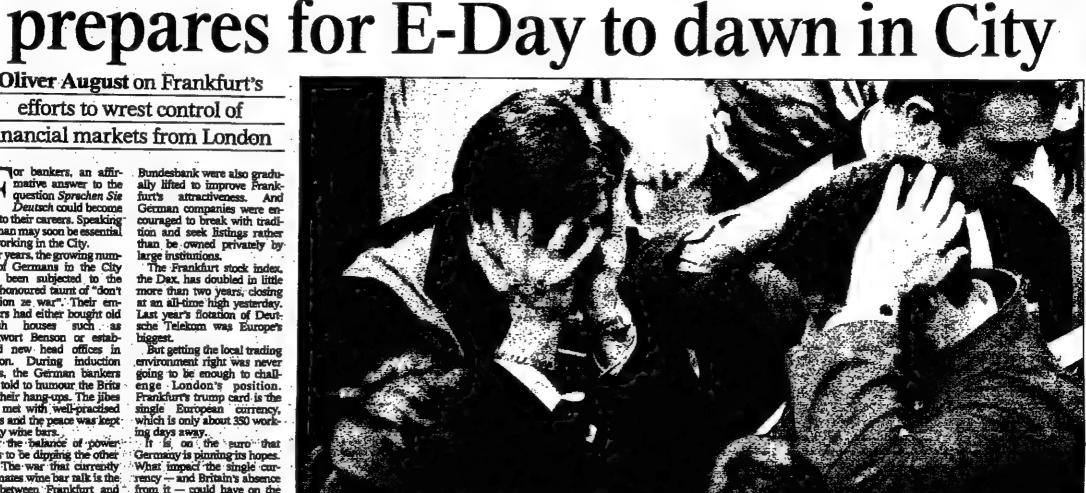
both ways. During the 1980s they became marketing machines, dedicated exclusively to increasing reserves and profitability. Investors and borrowers alike were squeezed and "members" became units of profit on a balance sheet, and targets for unscrupulous financial services selling. The ruthless and cruel policies of aggressive mortgage selling, enforced indemnity policies and rapid repossessions, employed during the 1980s and 1990s, ensured that the movement lost all public respect and sympathy. Building societies were seen for what they had become, banks in all but name.

Personally, I would love to see the existing board of directors of Nationwide Building Society defeated by the "conversion" candidates; not only because of the windfall payout which would come my way, but because true democracy would ety "paternalism" has been dis-credited by the abuses of the 1980s and 1990s; it is now time to give us our money and let us run! And if the new banks really do prove to be as uncompetitive as Nationwide suggests, we will all run back to a new breed of building societies, smaller, more honest and dedicated to the interests of their members. not to the naked avarice of their marketing teams.

TREVOR KINGSTON,

Klippan, Curling Vale,

Guildford, Surrey.



See no evil, hear no evil: Liffe does not favour Frankfurt's modern tendency, opting instead to reaffirm its commitment to open-outcry trading.

tions have been battling for their respective interests. Frankfurt is trying to keep non-Emu members out of Target by arguing that it needs to retain the fullest possible control. London has taken up the familiar theme of a multiple-speed Europe in which an independent British financial centre would have priority

likely to see Frankfurt as the best place to see their shares links with the Continent. listed after a re-denomination of the shares into euros. Not only would the need for currency conversions be greatly reduced but Frankfurt would also be the home of the European Central Bank, which will set euro interest

Furthermore, if Britain stayed out of Emu, Britishbased banks run the risk of not being admitted fully to Target, the new pan-European payments system. The Bundesbank and the Bank of England have for months been locked

in talks over the system. Under the thin disguise of academic debate between cenposed on all banks by the trai bankers, the two instituknowledge that it is unlikely to match London's liquidity overnight. At least on its own. The heads of the bourse and the

The ferosity with which the Target debate is being pursued in Frankfurt has sur-prised the Bank. The Bundesbank is a recent con-

vert to Frankfurt's cause. Only now that it is about to lose power to the European Central Bank, has it shed its studied indifference. London's strong point over the last decades had always been the unrivalled liquidity of its markets. Pension fund

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savers' money — a vast amount of it was available in

London while continental ex-

changes suffered at times from

Frankfurt has hall to ac-

a lack of buyers and sellers.

futures market came up with a plan to combine their operations with the next biggest financial centre in Europe -The French connection has now reached an advanced

stage. The two stock exchanges say they will start trading on single joint comput-er screen from the middle of next year. The futures exchanges are

aiming to do the same but at the moment Paris still operates an open-outery system. However, Jörg Franke, a board member of the Terminbörse in Frankfurt, said that a link-up was likely after an expected move to

screen-trading in Paris. Only last week, Liffe, the London futures exchange, reaffirmed its commitment to open-outcry trading as the most efficient system, guaran-

Herr Franke retorted that screen-trading reduced market participants' cost by half.

The argument over trading systems is really a metaphor for the different cultures of banking on respective sides of the Channel. London is staking its future on the traditional techniques that generated fortunes over decades, while Frankfurt is copying the more technically advanced methods of the highly successful American banks, which are now just as dominant in Frankfurt as

they are in London. In Frankfurt, the British low-tech option is considered as redundant as the House of Lords, German bankers see themselves winning in the race with London because they pay more attention to new ethods that can boost profits.

Ulrich Schröder, a policy analyst at Deutsche Bank. said: "Due to a new consciousness. Continental centres such as Paris and Frankfurt will improve their performance and close the gap to London." The official City's reaction to Frankfurt's ambition has been marked by complacency. When The Times first contactarrival in massed ranks is expected in Frankfurt on Eed the London Stock Exchange Day, the day the euro becomes legal tender, most likely to be regarding the alliance between Frankfurt and London, January I, 1999. the exchange knew nothing Until such times, their Gerabout it. Gavin Casey, the LSE man colleagues will tell each

chief executive, remarked that other in the wine bars of the City: "Don't mention the euro." the Continental exchanges have tried to co-operate before and failed. He delighted in recalling that 35 per cent of top European companies are listed in London. But even Mr

The City's favourite statistic with regards to Frankfurt is a survey of the number of banks situated by the River Main. Some 7 per cent of Frankfurt's banks left the city last year. But the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce said the closures were mainly by less prominent hanks that had not been doing

Casey had to admit that Emu

business in the city. The large investment banks are all increasing staff levels in Germany at the moment. For British bankers, this is no time to discard old German text-

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joint venture n. 1 trip inspired by illegal substance (orig. sixties) 2 annual orthopaedic holiday 3 business planned by two or more persons, companies etc.

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Mellon slice

Pacific, will not be putting Hambros radical shake-up. out of its misery. The fund manager has had a 3 per cent stake in the bank for a year now and has been tipped to make a hostile bid since last Friday's departure of three senior bankers. There's certainly no plan at the moment," he says. His company is only half the size of Hambros by market capitalisation. It would be very difficult for Regent to do that. But there's a greater consensus among shareholders that we've spo-



JIM MELLON, chairman of Regent ken to that the place does need a

By a happy coincidence, the day after the Hambros departures saw the first of what could become one of the key City events of the summer, at Mellon's new £1.5 million home in the UK, Morley Hall in Hertfordshire. His house-warming had a Russian theme - Regent is the biggest fund manager there - with the guests in fancy dress. Cossack dancing, and so on. There is talk of making it an annual affair. "I didn't invite anyone from Hambros - they probably had other things on their

minds," he says.

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 GERRY ACHER, head of audit and accounting at KPMG, was toasting his forthcoming vintage car jaunt from Beijing to Paris yester-day. He then set off in his 1932 Aston Martin for Felixstowe, where the beast was to be packed for the long journey east. Nigel Challis, KPMG director of compliance, will also be competing, in his 1955 series I Land Rover. Acher will be filing reports during the 12,000 mile odyssey, which starts on September 6. Alas, the omens, from the tough London to Felixstowe leg of the trip, are not good. "We got lost on the way to the

docks," he chokes. "I'm sure there are



far fewer roads between Beijing and Paris than around Felixstowe."

Beyond our Ken

KENNETH JORDAN, the man behind the Knight Williams Investors Action Group, is not receiving much encouragement from the Securities and Investments Board for his plans to represent the smaller investor there once the board has been revamped into the new super-SIB. Sir Andrew Large, who is retiring as chairman, has called for such representation, and a number of voices, including my own, have suggested Jordan as the ideal candidate. But anyone who writes to the SIB to suggest this, and there have already been a fair few, receive a very brief note back suggesting they redirect their energies towards the Chancellor and the Bank of England.

Flight of fancy BRITISH AIRWAYS may or may not

have won the war, but it is certainly losing the peace. A colleague had booked to fly to Munich with BA. He arranged to fly Lufthansa on the way out, as the cabin crew strike was then on. He suggested switching to the German airline for the journey back on Sunday too, as flights would still be in chaos. BA refused. So he spent three hours at the airport before the British carrier finally admitted defeat - and booked him on to Lufthansa.

■ THERE are at least two more New World countries with the same potential for wine as Chile and Argentina, which now seem to provide every fourth bottle at the supermarket. So claims John Brackenbury, chairman of the Pubmaster chain, who is returning to his roots with a non-executive post at Western Wines, the shipper that supplies Tesco, Safeway and Asda. Brackenbury was a director of drinks group IDV, with responsibility for wine, before its purchase by Grand Metropolitan. Commercial confidentiality means he is not revealing where the wine we will all be drinking in ten years time

is made. My bets are Uruguay and Brazil, with a side bet on Canada.

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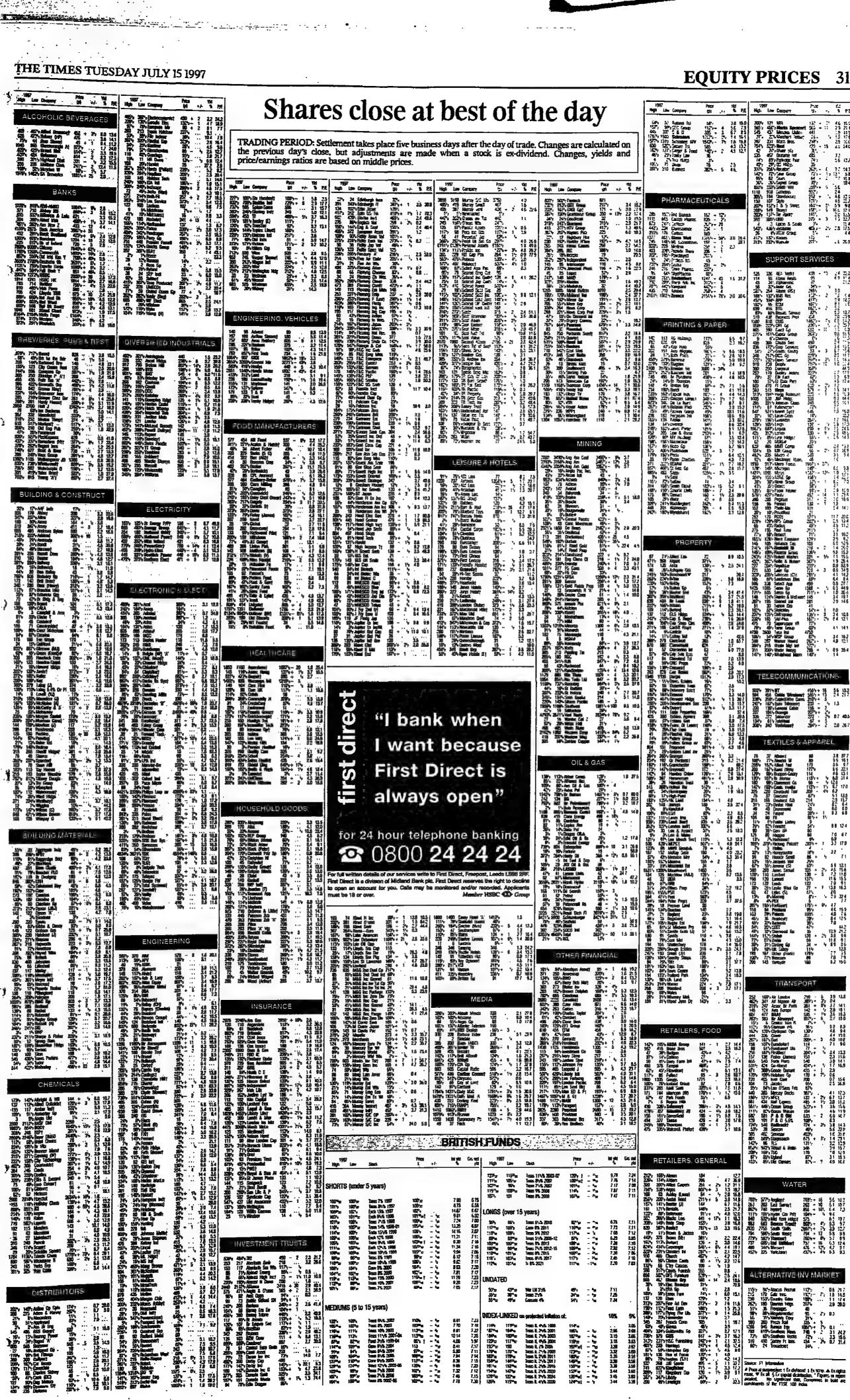
A BRITISH tourist goes into a shop in Budapest and is much taken by an expensive jacket. The jacket is carefully wrapped up for the journey home. Tourist, back in London, opens the package - and finds the jacket has been swapped by the shop for a chean alternative. An everyday scam - except that the tourist was Rosalind Wright, director of our own Serious Fraud Office.

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Venture capital fund to focus on technology

A NEW venture capital fund supported by Microsoft is being set up to stimulate growth in smaller British technology companies. Amadeus I, a £30 million fund, will focus on early-stage, high-quality businesses, with global potential in a wide field of technology.

A particular attraction for such companies is that investments will range from £500,000 to £3 million whereas — as the Amadeus I backers point out - the British market for technology investment capital below £5 million is now significantly under-served. Yet the technology base in the UK has always been world class.

Amadeus I also points to the rarity of venture capital funds that specialise in unquoted, technologybased companies. It says that although several well-established private equity funds allocate a minority of their funds to the technology sector, most want to invest more than £5 million.

Microsoft recently announced a E50 million research centre at Cambridge, where it will link with the university to conduct basic research into computer science. At the same time it decided to invest £10 million in smaller technology companies, some of which may become part of Microsoft's supply

Half of this sum — E5 million will be invested in Amadeus I, and the balance reserved for future investment.

Amadeus I is the first fund of Amadeus Capital Partnership, a new fund management company. The three founder partners are Hermann Hauser, a Cambridge entrepreneur and technologist, Anne Glover and Peter Wynn, who have both worked in the venture capital industry.

Ms Glover says: "Amadeus is unusual but we believe there are new opportunities because technology companies are becoming more obal and can grow into substantial businesses.

She also emphasised the importance of working with such firms at

Dr Hauser agrees. He describes the goal of Amadeus I as supporting start-ups at a stage when fundraising and networking with global partners are "essential but much more difficult".

For further information telephone: 01223 578365 or 0171-329

The case of the caring accountants

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ACCOUNTANCY can be fun. The belief that even the dullest sounding professions can make a business meeting a pleasure for customers has won for Stephens & Co no fewer than 13 business awards, including four for exceptional customer service in the past l6 months.

The latest triumph for the Hertfordshire company was the customer care category in the annual Winning Business Awards organised by Securicor Cellular Services with the support of the Federation of Small Businesses. It has banned pin stripe suits, accountancy jargon and stuffy offices.

Stephens & Co was founded six years ago by Steve Pipe, who had worked for KPMG for eight years followed by a stint in industry. He says: "I did not want to be a partner in a big firm and when my first child was born I decided that I did not want to be working 14 hours a day. I wanted to be in charge of my own

Mr Pipe ran his own company for four years but he acknowledges that most credit should go



The team that triumphed in the Winning Business Awards 1997

to Derek Williams, who took over in 1995. Mr Pipe says: "I wanted move into marketing and writing so I decided to pass the business on to someone else. What Derek Williams has done is quite extraordinary. The business gone from strength to

Mr Williams sat down with his staff and discussed what could be provided for customers in addition to well-prepared accounts.

The first aim was to create a friendly atmosphere. Mr Williams says: "Going to your accto the dentist. We want our customers to talk to us about their businesses and to see us as part of their team."

New clients are offered a tane recording of the meeting, an idea that is anothema to many professionals. Customers who are not tion or relay details to clients. Stephens & Co put flowers, fresh fruit and a wide range of drinks in the office. Staff went out to test jelly beans so that only the

best tasting would be offered.

Mr Williams looked after a dog
at his own home so that the customer could have a weekend break. He advises small businesses to enter competitions: "We see awards as a way of constantly sharpening up our act. We feel that if we continue to stay at the front line we will think of ways to improve our service. It's become a bit of an obsession. I'm a real pain to live with. Everywhere I go, to restaurants, shops or the cinema, I judge the customer service. Sometimes it is very good but at so many places you go to the service is awful. If only they would step outside their own business and take a look at it from the customer's point of

Par, a dental company at Altrincham, Cheshire, won the innovation section and was named Small Business of the Year in the Securicor Cellular Services awards for its disposable filter that wipes out the risk of cross infection from syringes.

Spencer & Fleetwood, which markets food-based gifts from East Horsley, Surrey, won the Moneywise award for its credit control system; and the Birdcare Company of Nailsworth, Gloucester, came top in the promotions and marketing section.

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Livewire Direct, an extension of Shell UK's Livewire scheme, which helps 16 to 25-year-olds to start their own businesses, will begin giving practical advice by phone and the Internet this autumn. At present the service operates through local business advisers.

☐ Business owners working from home are being offered a free guide called Data Protection Advice on Homeworking and Computer In-formation. The booklet, showing businesses how to work within. computer law, is available from the Data Protection Registrar's office. Telephone: 01625 545745.

A CD-Rom to help small businesses to create mailing lists, telemarketing reports and data records so that they can target potential customers has been launched by Dun & Bradstreet. DSB Marketplace UK is available through Business Links and computer retailers.

A part-time two-year MA degree in entrepreneurship is to be intro-duced by Durham University Business School in January. It is aimed at equipping business people to work in a world characterised by high-technology communications and short-term contracts. Details; 0191-374 3383 or 0191-371 2256.

☐ The Government intends to raise awareness among smaller firms of trade opportunities with India. Last year's British exports approached £1.8 billion, largely in new technology, scientific instruments and specialised industrial machinery.

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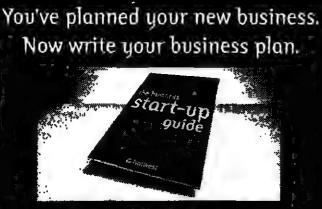
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The briefing session will provide additional information and answer questions which may have arisen from the tender specification.

The briefing Session will be held at NSW Trade and Investment Centre Level 44, Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street Sydney at 10.15am for 10.30em on 21 Topics to be discussed will include a detailed explanation of the project; the tender evaluation methodology; and questions and answers on the

The Port Corporation's Chief Executive Office Executive Management will be available to provide additional information. A buffet lunch will be served at the conclusion of the briefing.

Please RSVP Melissa Brady on Ph. 61 49 272403 or Fax. 61 49 264596 before the close of business on 16th July to confirm your attendance at both the Briefing Session and hyncheon.

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Judge shocked by receivership costs

Mirror Group Newspapers appointed by the court as allowed in full this receivership will have produced substantia Before Mr Justice Ferris [Judgment July 8]

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Receivers appointed by the court had to bear in mind as fiduciaries that their duty was to protect, get in and realise the assets of an estate and pass them on to the creditors or beneficiaries concerned and to justify the way in which they had elercised their powers.

"Mr Justice Ferris so stated in the Chancery Division in refusing an application by the receivers for jurther payment on account in proceedings by Mirror Group plc against Kevin Maxwell and Ian Maxwell as alleged personal representatives of the late Robert

Mr Charles Purle, QC, for the receivers, Mr Richard Ritchie as

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that following the death of Robert-Maxwell on November 5, 1991, Mirror Group Newspapers ple miniated proceedings in December in the Queen's Bench Division

against his sons Kevin and Ian as his personal representatives. In fact, however, no grant of been obtained, nor had any such grant been obtained subsequently. in January 1992 the action was transferred to the Chancery Division, and three members of the

Regina v Burton-on-Trent

Justices and Another, Ex

Before Lord Bingham of Combill,

Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice

Where an offender who committed

new offences during his release

from prison on licence was committed by justices to the crown

court under section 40 of the arimmal Justice Act 1991, the crown court was empowered by

section 40(3)(b) to sentence him for the new offences and to make an

order for revocation of his licence

and his return to prison.
The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so stated granting an application by Andrew Smith for judicial review of the Burton-on-

him to six months imprisonment

him in custody to Stafford Crown Court to be dealt with for revoca-

from of his licence and return to

The court quashed to order of committed but declined to make an

order of prohibition to prevent Stafford Crown Court from deal-

Mr Jon Anders for the applicant;

Mr John F. M. Maxwell for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

said that the facts and the issue, were indistinguishable from those,

considered and decided by the court in R v Harrow Justices, Ex.

Thus on a proper construction of section 40 of the 1991 Act Justices

questions of return and sentence for the new offence, or, where they

considered it more appropriate, they should commit both questions

Mr Maxwell had submitted that

Exparte Jordan had been wrongly

parte Jordan (1997) i WLR 84).

ease on licence and comm

parte Smith

[Judgment July 2]

The receivers made five reports. the latest of which was dated April 14 1997. The receivers employed a firm of solicitors. Nabarro Nathanson, to assist them in their investigations which in view of the extreme complexity of the affairs of Mr Maxwell, and of the various companies, trusts and organ-isations associated with him. needed to be conducted in many countries besides the United

. The figures of assets realised, solicitors' charges and disburse-ments, and disbursements of and proposed remuneration for the receivers down to a date shortly before the lifth report appeared to show as net assets realised, with expected further realisations, less liabilities paid, other than receivership remuneration and legal fees paid on account and value-added tax, as a total of £1.672.500.

The figures showed solicitors' charges and disbursements as £705,283, and the claim for receivers' disbursements and proposed remuneration as £744,289, which disbursements of £179,000 brought the total to £1,628,572

Having done his best to set out the figures objectively, his Lordship said he could not help saying that he found the figures profoundly shocking and continued:

Power of crown court to sentence

on revocation of licence

made by the prosecution had been

That concession, which the court

there had accepted as correct, was that, having regard to section 40(3)(b), it was in order for a

magistrates' court to commit an offender who fell within section 40

to the crown court for sentence on

conviction of a purely summary offence and to leave any question

Section 40(3)(b) provided that a

magistrates' court might commit an offender falling within section

40 to the crown court for sentences

and that court might make such an

order with regard to him as was

provided by section 40(2), namely

Mr Maxwell argued that section

40(3)(b) did not permit justices to commit a defendant to the crown

court for sentence for a new offence; that the subsection was

only directed to an order for return

to prison and that that was the sole

under that subsection might be

He further submitted that if a

defendant were committed for

crown court would have no power

offence since the subsection con-

that the view taken by the court in Ex parts Jordan was incorrect.

Section 40(3)(b) provided in clear language that a magistrates court might commit a defendant to the

crown court for sentence and that

sentence" was there to be under-

stood as meaning sentence for the

His Lordship would not read

sentence" as meaning for an order to be made for his return to prison.

It made perfectly good sense that, having provided that a defendant

might be committed to the crown

court for sentence, that court

should then be given an express

power to make such order as it

ferred no such power.

of return to that court.

will have produced substantial rewards for the receivers and their lawyers and nothing at all for tors of the estate. I find it shameful that a court receivership should produce this result in relation to an estate of more that

After a review of the various reports, his Lordship said that no obvious criticism fell to be made of the receivers for undertaking any of the activity which they described in them, save possibly in respect of ecial matters [not the subject of

this report) which his Lordship discussed later in his judgment. His Lordship said: The essential point which requires con-stantly to be borne in mind is that office-holders are fiduciaries charged with the duty of protecting, getting in, realising and ultimately passing on to others assets and property which belong not to themselves but to creditors or beneficiaries of one kind or

They are appointed because of their professional skills and experi-ence and they are expected to exercise proper commercial judg-ment in the carrying out of their duties. Their fundamental obligation is, however, a duty to account, both for the way in which they exercise their powers and for the property which they deal with." Office-holders such as receivers,

tence from which he had been

conclusion as in Ex parte Jordan,

which his Lordship was not per-

suaded was wrongly decided, he would grant the application.

commenting on the extraordinary morass of legislation which the court found itself obliged to con-

sider in the present context. The

difficulty of the legislation had been expertly highlighted in the

on Ex parte Jordan in [1997] Crim

Time and again representations were made that the process of sentencing would be greatly simplified if the sentencing provisions were consolidated and rationalised. The present was yet another care where the used was

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It was eloquent testimony to the difficulties which the court en-

countered that within the last lew months it had been called on the

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in the second of the three cases the court received no assistance from

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Mr Justice Buxton agreed.

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He would, however, end by

Accordingly, reaching the same

pected to act grammously, but office-holders who sought remuneration at a particular level had to justify their claim, as one aspect of their duty to account. They had to give full particulars,

and if they sought to be remu-nerated on the basis of time spent they had to do significantly more than giving the total number of hours spent by them or their staff and multiplying it by the charging rate of the individual whose time

They must explain the nature of each task undertaken and why it was taken. The charging rate claimed raust be proved by evidence. They must keep records and the test was whether a reasonably prodent man faced with the san circumstances in relation to his own affairs would have done the Specific rules relating to court-

appointed receivers were laid down in Order 30, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, with regard to which three questions I Whether there were any scales or

rates of professional charges by reference to which receivers' remuneration could be fixed. 2 Whether the fixing should be done by a Chancery Division judge or master or by a taxing officer,

3 If by a taxing officer, whether the

taxing officer was best qualified to remuneration, and he would so direct, pursuant to Order 30, rule 3/20/b). Taxation should be on the standard not the indemnity basis.

Questions whether the receivers would be entitled to remuneration for getting in assets which they they could claim for work in connection with their attendance before the House of Commons Select Committee on Social Secturity would be reserved for future

The receivers were personally bound by their contract with their solicitors and must pay the proper charges, but they should give close scrutiny to the solicitors' bills, and whether such charges could be recovered from the estate would depend upon whether they had acted properly in employing them for the tasks in question.

There was nothing before the

court to suggest that the bills had been given critical or any scrutiny at all. The bills could not be simply passed on to the court without

In the circumstances, the application for further payments on account would be refused and had to await definitive determ-Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson;

Negotiations to be kept confidential

Practice Direction (Family proceedings: Financial dis-

Because financial dispute resolution appointments were to be regarded as part of the conciliation process in ancillary relief proceedings, any disclosures made during an FDR appointment would not be pissible in any other proceedings save in relation to a trial for a criminal offence committed at the appointment or in the exception circumstances where a party had made an admission concerned with possible harm to the well being of a child.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, so stated in a practice direction issued on June lá. with the concurrence of Lord Irvine of Lairg, Lord Chancellor.

THE PRESIDENT said: I The direction would apply to all ancillary relief applications under rules 2.70 to 2.77 of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No

2 The Pamily Proceedings (Amend-ment No 2) Rules (II 1997 No 1056) which came into force on April 21. 1997, incorporated into the 1991 Rules by amendment the new was initially introduced by Prac-tice Direction (Ancillary relief: Pilot scheme) (The Times September 30, 1996). The new procedure facilitate settlements, limit costs incurred by parties and provide the court with more effective

tion 40(3(b), his Lordship boped that the Attorney-General might think it appropriate to instruct counsel to give the court assistance and a state of the leavest of the le was the financial dispute resoluvided that the FDR appoint was to be treated as a meeting held for the purposes of conciliation. Conciliation had been developed as a means of reducing the tension

which inevitably arose in matri-

conciliation openly and without reserve. Non-disclosure of the content of conciliation meetings was accordingly vital. The FDR appointment was part of the conciliation process and should be so regarded by the courts and

As a consequence of In re D (Minors) (Conciliation: Disclosure of information) [1993] Fam 231). evidence of everything said or of of an FDR appointment would not be admissible in evidence, except at the trial of a person for an offence committed at the appointment or in the very exceptional circumstances indicated in In re D. 4 Courts would therefore expect that parties would make offers and proposals; recipients of offers and proposals would give them proper consideration; and that parties whether separately or top consideration at the appointment

any such offer or proposal. 5 in order to make the most effective use of the first appointment and the FDR appointment, the legal representatives attending those appointments would be ex-

6 Practice Direction (Ancillary relief: Pilot scheme) was withdrawn.

Human rights law no aid in disclosure case

Camelot Group ple v Centaur Communications Ltd

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Before Mr Justice Maurice Kay Dudgment July 4)

The question whether a publisher should be required to disclose the source of information contained in a publication, or be required to return documents which would necessarily identify his source, was to be determined in accordance with English law as set out in section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and as interpreted by the English courts.

House of Lords in X Ltd v Morgan-Grampian (Publishers) Ltd [[1991] 1 AC I) was clear and unambigu annly the decision of the European win v United Kingdom (The Times March 28, 1996; (1996) 22 EHRR 123), based on the same facts, concerning the interpretation of article 10 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and

Fundamental Freedoms (Cmd 8969) dealing with the right to freedom of expression Mr Justice Maurice Kay granted in open court in the Queen's Bench Division, after a hearing in chambers, an application by the plain-tiff, Camelot Group plc, to remove the stay imposed by Mr Justice Langley on May 28 in respect of an order requiring the defendant, Centaur Communications Ltd, to deliver up forthwith to the plaintiff the plaintiff's unaudited draft accounts and all copies made of such

documents together with any other confidential information of which the defendant was in possession or to which it had access. provides: "No court may require a person to disclose, nor is any person guilty of contempt of court for refusing to disclose, the source publication for which he is responsible, unless it be established to the satisfaction of the court that disclo sure is necessary in the interests of

the prevention of disorder or

uff; Mr Andrew Nicol QC for the

MR JUSTICE MAURICE KAY said that the plaintiff was authorised to run the National Lottery. Its financial and accounting year ended on March 31. It intended to publish a preliminary financial statement on June 3, 1997 and draft accounts were prepared. An unknown person sent a copy of the draft accounts to a journalist

wrote an article published by the defendant in Marketing Week in an issue dated May 29, but available on May 28. On May 28 the plaintiff obtained an ex parte order from Mr Justice

Langley, inter alia, restraining the defendant from using any confidential information. particular the plaintiff's unaudited draft accounts and from publish-ing any information relating to such confidential information. The judge also ordered the defendant to deliver up the plaintiff's unaudited draft accounts and any copies.

At an inter partes hearing the same day that order was stayed on terms requiring the defendant to deliver up all relevant documents to its solicitors pending further

The plaintiff sought the return of the documents to help in the identification of the source of the leaked information. The defendant sought the destruction of the documents because it was anxious to protect the identity of the source.

But for section 10 of the Con-tempt of Court Act 1981 the plaintiff would have an uncomplicated claim for the return of the documents on the basis that they were its own property or because of a breach of confidence pursuant to the principle in Norwich Excise Commissioners (1974) AC

Although the order sought by the plaintiff did not in terms require disclosure of the source of information, it was clear that order. In those circumstances section 10 was applicable. Mr David Pannick QC and Miss Mr Pannick submitted that X Solicitors: Baker Naomi Ellenbogen for the plain
Ltd v Morgan-Grampian was Davenport Lyons.

convincingly established on the

authoritative and definitive as to the principles to be applied.

Mr Nicol submitted that X Ltd should now be considered alongside the subsequent decision of the **European Court of Human Rights** in Goodwin v UK where the issue was whether English law as proright to freedom of expression contained in article 10 of the Convention of Human Rights.

The majority decision of the European Court by II votes to seven, was that there was not a reasonable relationship of proporaim pursued by the disclosure order and the means deployed to achieve that requiring the applicant to reveal his source gave rise to a violation of his right to freedom of expression and article 10.

At the level of principle, there was not a great deal of difference between section 10 as interpreted in X Ltd and article 10 as applied in

His Lordship's task was to apply section 10 of the 1981 Act as interpreted in X Ltd; Secretary of State for Defence v Guardiai Newspapers Ltd ([1985] AC 339) and In re an Inquiry under the Company Securities (Insider Deal ing) Act 1985 [[1985] AC 660).

English law was not ambiguous ship's task involve the exercise of a discretion: see Derbyshire County (1992) OB 770. 8LZ). In other words

it was not presently necessary or desirable to apply article 10 as interpreted in *Goodwin*. in any event it was unlikely that the application of the Convention and the Goodwin case would make

come. That too would require a ing the concept of proportionality.

Applying English law, it was necessary in the interests of justice to override the high public imof sources. That necessity had been

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Payment of VAT not optional

Regina v Hammond

All traders had to accept that payment of value-added tax was not optional and that those who. whatever their motives, fraudulently evaded payment could find

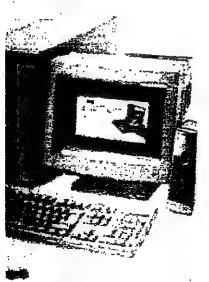
The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Mr Justice Kay and Judge Myerson, QC) so stated on June 3 when allowing the appeal of reducing to 12 months the sentence of 18 months imposed on February

earlier plea of guilty to conduct native to imprisonment. that must have involved the commission of one or more offences under section 72(1) and/or 72(3) of the Value Added Tay Act 1994

MR JUSTICE KAY said that the sentencing judge accepted that the appellant's primary purpose was to evade the quarantine regulabirds he imported, and also that it tomers and pocketing the VAT but not charging it at all.

The court had to be mindful of the consequences to those traders who conscientiously complied with found it difficult to compete with

those who acted fraudulently. Deterrence was very much to the such offences. It might well be that there was no danger that the way again but other traders had to be taught that they had a duty to



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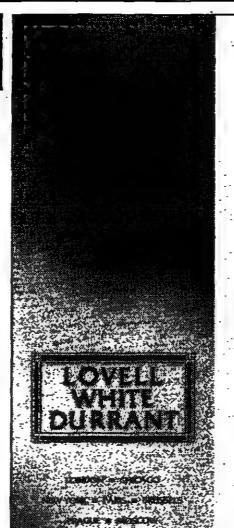
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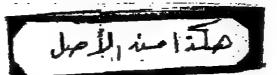
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Dollars chase lawyers

Josephine Carr investigates talk of an American recruiting drive

here has never been a better time to be a young financial law-London. The market is alive with rumours of American firms conducting dawn raids on City firms to make offers their lawyers cannot refuse. And the talk has some basis: while City firms pay newly qualified lawyers, on average, £30,000, US firms such as White & Case offer £45,000.

For the right lawyer, says Gareth Quarry of Quarry Dougall a recruitment consultancy, the sums are higher. "We are," he says, "placing newly qualifieds with major Wall Street firms for £65,000." Jonathan Brenner of the recruitment consultancy Zarak Macrae Brenner says: "Qualified lawyers can get twice what they would get in a UK firm." ZMB recently placed a three-year qualified dawyer in a US firm on an

£80,000 salary, against a UK verage of about £50,000. sparked by a boom in international financial services and a shortage of lawyers. US and UK firms both want to build complementary US and English law practices. Clifford Chance recently scooped a top US banking partner from a leading New York firm but lost Andrew Wilkinson, a partener, to the new London office of the New York firm Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft. Linklaters & Paines now has 21 American lawyers in

Manhattan. The merchant banks also are headhunting lawyers for salaries that throw even the US firms into the shade. Mr Brenner says: They are looking for exactly the same type of lawyers. For every project finance lawyer on our books. we have 70 vacancies."

So far, City firms have efused to match the American salaries. Frank Varela of the of 10,000 sq ft to premises with Longbridge Consultancy says 40,000. The Chicago firm the prevailing view is that Sidley & Austin's English law firms can bear the current practice set up in 1995 and



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now has 33 English lawyers.

level of loss because not enough top lawyers have left to be a cause of concern. Charles Allen-Jones, senior partner at Linklaters, says: "If you count the number of English lawyers in the US firms, it is tiny."

But the number of American law firms with London offices is growing. The New York firm, Well Gotshai & Manges launched its London office in January 1996. Now it has almost 40 English lawyers and has moved from its offices

No firm wants to pay more than it must. But the first crack in the City firms' resolve came in the recent pay round. Herbert Smith sent a memo to all its lawyers asking them to find out what other City firms were paying. Stephen Bar-nard, the managing partner, admits that this is "unusual". although the firm always does research before its pay round. Mindful of inflation. London

more than 10 per cent.
The counter-attack on US pay levels is similar elsewhere. Mr Allen-Jones says: "We have explained to our people that we

his hobby of flying.

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increasing number of the more "mature" Slaughter and

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seem to be a bit of a trend, but

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cannot match the US firms. The only way to do so would be to change the whole economics of the profession. And we would have to adopt US work-ing and billing practices." The US firms are known for

working their lawyers hard. They are usually expected to bill a minimum of 2,100 to 2,300 hours a year, against an English firm average of 1,500. The English firms talk of "sweatshops" and question whether lawyers in a US firm have time to spend the money. John Edwards, a former partner at Clifford Chance and now managing partner . of

fice, dismissed the argument as "fatuous", claiming that lawyers in an English firm work just as hard. And City firms, when pushed, admit that their lawyers work as hard. Geoffrey Howe, managing partner at Clifford Chance, says much of its work is in areas where US and UK firms compete, "Our lawyers are do-ing the same job," he says, "and we would expect to see the same hours recorded." So are

lower pay levels reasonable? The City firms argue that US firms are less likely to promote English lawyers to partnership. And they point to the English "lockstep" pay system, in which partners' pay rises with seniority. Merit pay, or "eat what you kill", has replaced lockstep in the US. But the Americans say that partnership is hard to attain in any firm. And, they add, US firms are making English lawyers full parmers.

So far, arguments against the US law firms do carry weight with potential recruits. Search & Consulting, an American recruitment firm, says it is easier to persuade a US lawyer to join an English firm. They may balk at the lower pay, but Mr Fergus claims that lawyers "prefer the English lockstep to a system be weighed and may be found wanting for reasons outside their control." American firms do not want

to see salaries rise out of control. They bend over backwards to say how like the English firms they are and they talk down the issue of pay. So who is hyping the salaries? One observer comments: "It is in the interests of the recruitment firms to do this — they get paid by commission. The US firms are happy to let them run ads offering £60,000 for young lawyers or £700,000 for partners at the moment, as they seek to build the critical mass.

lawyers at those rates." Clients must hope that view prevails. The only way firms can finance their battle for a market share is from lees. If salaries go through the roof — so will bills. • The author is editor, European

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Solicitors promote poetic justice

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The solicitors Mishcon de Reya are and concluding by lamenting that: searching for a "poet in residence". The Flora lovers though we three, advertisement in Poetry News prosaically announces that the successful applicant will receive a fee of £10,000 for spending half a day a week at the firm's London offices for a year.

This initiative is not designed to encourage litigation partners to send sonnets before action, to draft each paragraph of affidavits in the 17-syllable form of a haiku, to compose instructions to counsel entirely in limericks, or to advise clients in verse along the lines "I'm no ignoramus, we'll ask for mandamus".

The object is to encourage contacts between poetry and the world of work. Mishcon believes that the presence of a poet will "stimulate and develop its staff". More lyrically, Mishcon has explained that the idea of a poet in residence is focused on its mission statement that "if we do nothing else, we must clarify, elucidate, illuminate

This is not the first time lawyers have applied for a poetic licence. In 1991, during a trial for a public order offence at Oxford Crown Court, David Osborne, defence counsel, summed up in six minutes of verse.

After the rousing finale to Mr Osborne's submissions: You will deliberate, salk, and

Not guilty is the verdict.

and so say all of us the jury acquitted his client. Poetic justice, indeed. in 1950, the Divisional Court

heard an appeal by a defendant convicted of being drunk in charge of a "carriage" on the highway. He had been pushing his bicycle along a road in Rifracombe, Devon, His coun-

sel argued that a bicycle was not a carriage, citing the lyrics to the song, Daisy Bell: It won't be a stylish marriage, I can't afford a carriage,

But you'll look sweet upon the seat, Of a bicycle made for two The law report does not record whether counsel sang to Lord Chief Justice Goddard and the two other judges. Perhaps he should have done, as the court dismissed the appeal

against the conviction and the sentence of one month's imprisonment. Occasionally, American judges have given judgment in verse. Rodney Jones and Gerald Uelmen cite examples in their excellent book, Supreme Folly: True Tales From The Courtrooms. In 1983, the Court of Appeals of

Michigan dismissed an appeal by a plaintiff seeking compensation for damage to his tree caused by a car accident. Judge Gillis gave a rhythmic judgment, on behalf of himself and two colleagues, noting that:

We thought that we would never see A suit to compensate a tree

In 1973, the United States District Court in Pennsylvania gave a three-paged judgment (plus headnote and footnotes) entirely in verse. Its quality can be appreciated from the

opening stanza:

The motion now before us,
Has stirred up a terrible fuss and the finale.

Finding that service of process is bona fide, The motion to dismiss is hereby denied

In 1985, when a judge of the United States District Court delayed giving judgment for a lengthy period, impatient counsel hired a messenger to deliver a singing telegram, sung to the tune of Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow, but substituting the words "Let us know, let us know, let us know". As these examples demonstrate, legal verse

is more likely to be pathetic than poetic.

Business sponsorship of the arts deserves support, so long as lawyers do not deceive themselves into thinking that the presence of a noet in the next room, and a well-thumbed copy of the New Oxford Book shelves, equip them with the qualities of Auden or Ira Gershwin.

Mishcon is taking a substantial risk that partners' meetings will be delayed while they compare each other to a summer's day, limitation periods will not be observed while outdoor clerks muse that they have world enough and time, and assistant solicitors watching their cases being lost in court will reflect (without tak-

ing remedial steps) that counsel is not waving but drowning.

But a poet in residence has the potential to achieve more than a resident comedian or physiotherapist, and to enable Mishcon to gain a competitive edge over rival solicitors whose mission statement is confined to advising clients on points of law. Shakespeare understood that the legal profession may have to work hard to select words which make clients, and their conduct, more attractive. As Bassanio observes in The Merchant Of Venice: "In law, what plea so tainted and corrupt, But, being season'd with a gracious

voice, Obscures the show of evil?" Mishcon hopes that a good poet will encourage the staff to think about the use of language, the tool of a lawyer's trade. As so often in the law, what matters is not merely what you do, but the intention with which you act. Or, as lawyers are reciting, you need the mens rea to work at Mishcon de Reva.

● The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

Cherie sees the Bar go online

CHERIE BOOTH, QC, comes down to earth with a bump this week after her hectic round of international engage ments, touring the globe with Tony Blair, and last week arguing a case before the European Court of Justice. On Thursday, in her capacily as "chairman" of the Bar

telecom working party, she will officially launch the new Bar Telecom Network, a fnational telecommunications system for barristers allowing for data, phone and video

Demonstrations are prom-ised, says the Bar Council, which will "vividly show the Bar Council in action".



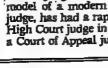
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RELATIONS between senior management at the Crown Prosecution Service and many of its prosecutors may be strained, but are they about to get significantly worse? One prosecutor re-cently received a letter ad-dressed to the Crown Persecution Service.

High-flyer AS WIDELY predicted, Lord Justice Saville has been promoted to the House of Lords to

judge, has had a rapid rise: a High Court judge in 1985 and a Court of Appeal judge only

succeed Lord Mustill. The judge, 61, the very model of a modern unstuffy





Cochrane: write on

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THE Society of Black

Lawyers is updating its directory of black law firms and chambers. The directory contains details of about 300, mainly in London and Birmingham. But the numbers have grown and the society is asking firms to contact it. The College of Law is sponsoring publication costs and Johnny Cochrane, the leading American lawyer who defended O.J. Simpson, is writing the foreword. Details to: Sandra Thomas, 0171-735 6592

Top OU job GARY SLAPPER, the princi-

cal lecturer in law at Staffordshire University and a regular Times columnist, has been three years ago. He has made appointed director of the new his mark in various fields, first Open University law programme. In February 1998 the OU will offer its first degree in the commercial court, then in the promotion of information technology and also in course in law in collaboration drafting — almost singlehandedly — the ac-claimed Arbitration Act. He with the College of Law. Dr Slapper says: "The new degree will open opportunity for high-quality legal study to thousands of people who canhas another string to his bow: he spent the weekend enjoying standard path from school to

full-time university study."
Critics have raised the problem of older students gaining training places. But Dr Slapper says that fears of



Dr Slapper: heading course

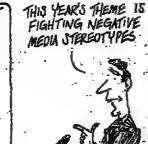
ageism among law firms are Brummie boom not borne out by the figures. "Law Society data," he ex-BUSINESS is booming - at plains, "show that 25 per cent least in Britain's second city. Eversheds in Birmingham of people admitted as solicitors and the Midlands has anlast year were in the 30 to 39 nounced new regional results showing a £6 million increase age bracket. This can be seen as good news by many pro-spective law students. in fee income turnover and a new record level of fee income

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You may not realise it but, Tony Girling tells Frances Gibb, he has made a difference

Anonymous Man's quiet revolution

olicitors will now know that Phillip Sycamore has beaten Martin Mears in the election for Law Society President. But who does the new President succeed? A recent survey found that almost half the profession had no idea who their leader was, nine months into his term of office. Tony Girling, who hands over the reins of office tomorrow, does not seem to mind. "I was not unhappy with that finding," he says. It compared no less favour-ably with the public's knowledge of Cabinet ministers.

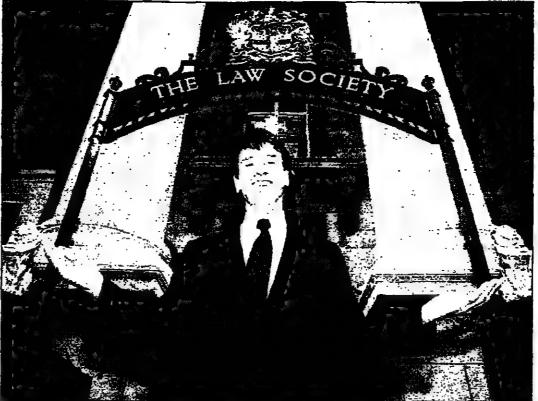
Nonetheless, it has been a remarkably low-profile year for Mr Girling. He took over after a turbulent year of Mr Mears, marked by controversy, infighting and colour-ful headlines. Mr. Girling, a stalwart of the Law Society council, was by contrast considered the acceptable face of the profession who could institute a period of calm and consolidation. His term of office

was bound to seem tame and dull. Mr Girling found an organisation in flux after the exodus of nearly all its senior officials and a recently arrived secretary-general (the society's chief executive). Mo-rale was low. "All the key players were absent." he says, "and I knew my job was to ensure that the society was refreshed and reformed, to make it an effective body which could withstand the vagaries of democracy." In other words, a machine that would run smoothly, helping the council in its priorities. whoever was elected to the driving seat as President.

He would have liked a linle longer; the "cement is not quite set" in one or two areas. But fundamental changes have been achieved. A first task was to break down the "fiefdoms" that had grown up; at the time, a sign of a strong dynamic bureaucracy. But the balance tilted too far, weakening the 75-strong council. "We needed," he adds, "to ensure more cross-fertilisation between departments, more working together. There is no doubt now that the council is back in charge."

It means more work for council members. Mr Girling, preferring to be involved in all council business, has found it impossible to spend time at his own Kent practice. He has also created a strong policy committee - which is not dominated by departmental heads with their own agendas. It can keep a grip on policy and, with

Mr Mears and other critics of the past year say little has changed, that the society is still an over-fat, costly bureaucracy. Mr Girling accepts that the "head count" at the society must be tackled. But the first step was to identify priorities: a list of 19 key policy areas has been drawn up and that will drive the society over the next year or so. No such list existed before. More fun-



Girling, retiring Law Society President: "My job was to ensure that the society was reformed"

damentally, it paved the way for a new style of budgeting; a shift from the old system with departmental heads stating needs and building in

The new "top-down approach" is, he says, aiready producing a leaner, fitter body. "We have culled a lot of fat even without losing staff, which has enabled us to reduce the amount needed for the compensation fund, as well as cutting the practising certificate fee."

More visible to the profession at large is the promotion of society ctions", so solicitors can affiliate to a section that will more specifically service their needs (family law, commercial work) and be a

more relevant network than the wider society that spans high street solicitors and big City firms. The first, for probate solicitors, has been launched. A new "client care" guide has also gone out to firms to improve client relations and cut the volume of complaints; and there is continuing research into the pay gap between men and women solicitors.

But more media attention has inevitably gone on the Solicitors Indemnity Fund crisis and the £458 million shortfall. There was also the abortive high street starter kit, to help solicitors to set up computer systems, which has had to be scrapped and the project rethought. Mr Girling is not blamed personally for either. Yet the events have hit his term of office and that "dark cloud", as he calls it, has hovered, overshadowing gains for solicitors elsewhere.

Mr Girling is optimistic for the future of both the society and profession. Solicitors have shown they can adapt - he points to the success of the new niche firms, from family law to intellectual property. "Entre-preneurial — that is the word which will be key in the next five years. ! don't mean solicitors breaking into furniture removals or undertaking - but becoming much more business-orientated in terms of their

> adjudicator, through to mediation and conciliation. Choosing the

One problem Mr Gold has faced, however, is that most lawvers have been trained from their earliest days at law college to think in litigation terms. In many cases it is now a matter of uprooting their prejudices and substitute something that is more client-friendly.

disenchanted with litigation. We must provide them with something

ADR winning new friends

Edward Fennell on why clients and

even litigators are coming round

year after Lord Woolf pub-lished plans to streamline A lished plans to successful district the legal community is still waiting to hear which recommendations will be adopted. Last week's British Airways threat to take striking staff to court was a reminder that litigation is often still the preferred way of resolving disputes.

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Not everyone has BA's deep pockets. And many lawyers believe that their clients are impatient for a less confrontational means of settling disagreements. So though the outcome of Woolf is uncertain, there is a view among many lawyers that psychologically a corner has been turned and that the various methods of alternative dispute resolution

(ADR), rather than being a rarity, should

become the norm. One sign has come this month with the launch of S.J. Ber-win's ADR unit Now Eversheds has set up a dispute management service. Antony Gold, the firm's head of litigation, insists

this is not simply a rebadging" of its tra-Plant training needed ditional litigation service but represents a basic rethink of how to provide a way to solve disputes. At the heart of this, he says, is the development of a new

methodology combined with an extensive training exercise. "We're adopting a holistic approach to business problems," he says. "It's an all-embracing system percolating throughout the firm." ADR now comes in many forms, from the "mini-trial" held under an

right techniques for the case is part of the skill of successful dispute

Mr Gold says: "Many clients are

that better meets their business needs." Nigel Savage, the College of

Law's chief executive, agrees that trainee solicitors have to be taught the basics of how to litigate in order to gain their professional qualifications. But he welcomes the demand that the new generation of lawyers must be better prepared for commercial reality. adding that students are gradually being made aware of the costs of litigation and of other possibilities. "We are," he says, "helping them to understand that once they are in practice, it is dispute resolution rather than going to court that matters to most clients." One possi-

bility, Mr Savage says, is for the College of Law to start to offer a special diploma in dispute management that builds on lawyers' key skills. "Advocacy and negotiation as well as knowledge of the law are vital in the ADR context. We can build on those in de-

veloping ADR skills."

Probably the most "heavy" traditional litigator is the firm Herbert Smith, yet even there ADR's merits have

become appreciated. Again, training is what is starting to make ADR into a reality. Charles Plant, a partner, believes that distinct skills are necessary for techniques such as mediation. "Some people assume that experienced arbitrators will automatically make good mediators," he says. "But people have to be trained in the skills that these techniques require."

John Bolton, a partner at Davies Arnold Cooper, was one of the five assessors who worked with Lord Woolf on his proposals. He is keen that the integrity and entirety of the Woolf proposals to be respected. If the proposals are cherry-picked, he says, "the danger is that the system will not hold together".

As an ADR expert, Mr Bolton finds the market for his services expanding. He also points out that ADR is potentially more profitable than litigation for solicitors because the costs of going to court squeezes clients' budgets so much.

Frances Gibb on a campaign in Scotland that is having echoes in England

THE debate on curbing the legal aid bill has already taken off in Scotland with publication of the Scottish Legal Aid Board's list of 20 top legal aid earners. How much legal aid, the board asks, can Scotland afford? The board and the Law Society of Scotland have met Henry McLeish, Scottish Home Affairs Minister, who says he will consult on any.

The Law Society of Scotland, meanwhile, has wasted no time putting forward its own

Legal aid bill under fire

piloting such a service in Scotland is now on the statute book. But John Elliot, who is President of the Law Society of Scotland, believes that it would deprive clients of a choice of lawyer and could prove far more costly to run than the Government estimates. The society offers a package of proideas to curb costs, which it favours over any posed reforms, including controlled legal public defender service. Legislation for aid fees, more use of information tech-

nology, decriminalising some minor offences and making sheriffs managers over their own courts to maximise efficiency. Mr Elliot, who also wants an overall review of all involved, including the profession, courts, police, Prison Service and the

Procurator Fiscal Service, suggests a civil justice forum where those in the civil courts -could discuss reforms and how best to target

civil legal aid to those in need. Mr Elliot also says that the figures on top earners from the Scottish board were gross, and did not represent the firms' true earnings. ● In an article (July 7) on the public defender

system, a paragraph was wrongly attributed to Mr Elliot. It said: "He added that it was easier to see the advantages of such a system for civil cases because 'of the enormous importance lin criminal workl of the perceived independence of a defendant's lawyer'." The words were those of Russell Wallman of the Law Society of England and Wales.

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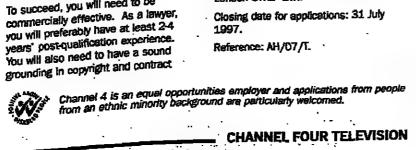
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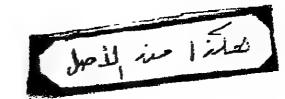
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Time to chart new course as long voyage nears end

BY LUCY DUNCAN

home - fickle winds permitting - the old familiar order has reasserted itself amongst the BT Global Challenge fleet. Group 4, Toshiba Wave Warrior and Concert are the top three boats,

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It's a repeat of the positions of the first leg and probably a fair reflection of the race as a whole. On Concert, we feel we would probably have been third overall had we not lost our mast in the Southern

This final leg has provided some exciting, close racing, the intensity of the competition demonstrated by the increase in slightly silly protests and claims for redress that seem to have occurred during the past two legs. It seems that no decision is final as the international jury overrules penalties previously agreed for replacing spinnakers, while other decisions are reversed on what seem to be very tenuous

When the difference between third and fourth-placed boats overall is less than ten minutes, it is important for the credibility of the race to have an arbitration system that is seen to be watertight. At one point, it became so ludicrous that one of the other boats sought redress on the grounds that a flying fish landing on deck had distracted the helmsmän.

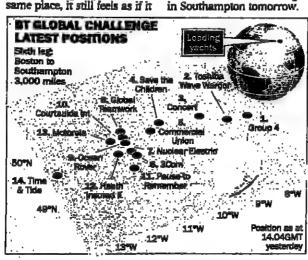
There have been no flying fish on this leg, but we have seen more wildlife in the Atlantic than on any of the other legs. More dolphins than you can imagine, whales and even a turtle. Yet, despite the pleasurss of the sailing, the leg has definitely strengthened my resolution never to go ocean racing again. Although there are rewards from doing well, it has to be one of the most frustrating pastimes I know. Looking back on miles

NOW less than two days from lost and winds and currents

that rarely seem to be where they are supposed to be is enough to drive you to drink -impossible on Concert, as we have always been a "dry" boat. Next time I'm on a boat, I won't be racing. Then, when there is no wind, there won't be any agonising - I'll simply turn the engine on and pour myself a gin and tonic,

With our charts now showing the coast of the United Kingdom as well as endless miles of Atlantic discussions on board are now centred on what we will do when we go home. We have had several faxes from Adrian Pilkington. a BT employee, who did the first four legs with us, talking of the shock of returning to home and work, but also telling of the positive attitude that he has felt since doing his part of the race.

This has been a great adven-ture. However, like Adrian, rather than looking back and regretting the end of this trip. we are all very much looking forward. Some of us are going back to existing jobs - me as a midwife - while others are looking for new ones. Even though I am going back to the same place, it still feels as if it



Exiled Fisher makes splash in pool

Phil Yates talks to a

sporting émigré

in the United States

who has discovered a glittering career

llison Fisher, seven A times the women's world snooker champion, left England thoroughly disillusioned almost two years will be different. I still have ago, yet since then her career has taken a dramatic and

that "I can do absolutely

Another great topic of con-

versation is what we will and

will not miss when we are no

longer at sea. Chris Tibbs, our

skipper, commented that he would find it strange to have

to make more of his own

coffee. For the rest of us, there

are the obvious discomforts

that we won't miss — a ludicrously lurching shower

and loo, meals of freeze-dried

cardboard and clothes that

always seem to be slightly

grubby and damp.

The main thing I will miss is the companionship of the crew—they are a great bunch.

Although it will be really nice

to have a bit of personal space.

i will miss them. We will keep

in touch and are already

making plans for a skiing holiday next year. Neverthe-

less, we are an independent lot

and will all go our seperate

ways. When we no longer

have the race in common, the

relationships will be different.

where everyone is in a year's

time. I suppose that's all part

of the mounting excitement -

a whole new adventure begins

It will be fascinating to see

anything" feeling.

unexpected upturn. At 29, she is now as dominant on the thriving United States wornen's nine-ball pool tour as she was in women's snooker in Great Britain for almost a "It's the best thing I've ever done in my life," said Fisher,

who rose to the top of the Women's Pocket Billiards Association (WPBA) rankings in record time, less than 12 months after arriving in the United States with few friends and little experience of topclass competition in nine-ball

After years of journeying from her home in Peacehaven, Sussex, to events in Croydon, Luton, Prestatyn and the like — usually in pursuit of small prizes — Fisher suddenly found herself jetting to such locations as Hawaii, California and Florida with big money at stake.

"I didn't have anything to hold me in Britain and I was becoming more and more frustrated with the lack of opportunity," she said. "I felt that I was hitting my head against a brick wall. I'd got a talent I was doing nothing

"We were playing for an average winner's cheque of £300 in ladies' snooker. In the US, the average first prize is about \$6,500 (around £4,000), with quite a few tournaments well up into five figures."

While it was clear that Fisher's textbook cue-action left no technical deficiencles to be ironed out, it was vital for her to appreciate the different tactical nuances of nine-ball pool [known as pocket billiards in the United States] before she could compete at the highest level. It did not take long. In one

golden spell, Fisher won eight consecutive tournaments, on tournaments a year. I respond

This run began in Los Angeles, continued in Honolulu and included triumphs at the world championship in Sweden, the Japanese Open in Osaka and the United States national championships, where she collected a first prize of \$20,000.

Having enjoyed such sustained success, quite often in high-profile events shown on television, it is hardly surprising that Fisher has attracted the commercial endorsements that never materialised in significant numbers during her career in snooker.

three continents, and swelled

her total prize money for last

season to \$80,000.

"In one respect, I was lucky. because I joined the circuit at a good time." Fisher said. "Right now, we get television coverage for six or seven

positively to that and the fact that the crowds are great."

The style is the same, but the game is different now from Fisher's former incarnation as snooker's No I woman

It is a situation rich in irony. While the women's tour is healthy and growing, its male equivalent is struggling. "It's just the opposite of how it is in snooker. In the United States, the ladies aren't the poor relations."

Dersonally, as well as professionally, Fisher is content. Now resident in Charlotte, South Carolina, she has no hankering to return to Britain. Her new home town has excellent flight connections with Europe and the rest of the United States. It has a pleasant climate and a laid-back, southern ambience not usually associated with such a large city. Not surpris-

ingly, perhaps, Fisher, who

defeated Neal Foulds, Mike Hallett and Tony Drago in snooker competition and partnered Steve Davis to three world mixed doubles titles. entertains no thoughts of a comeback in her original

"It's never entered my head," she said. "Even if it did, it would be extremely tough, because you can't just swap and change from one game to the other. They are like chalk and cheese and, anyway, I'm more than happy with what I'm doing now.

Fisher, whose most recent tournament win came in Detroit in May, holds a healthy lead over Jeanette Lee at the head of the WPBA rankings and is eager for the 1997-98 campaign to begin.

On the horizon is the possibility of involvement in an instructional video, trios to Japan and South Korea and in December, potentially the most profitable week of her career. At the Boardwalk complex in the heart of Disney World, Florida. Fisher will meet Dawn Hopkins for the ESPN title and possibly earn the chance to take on the winner of the world nine-hall champlonship in October in a \$40,000 challenge. The meeting will be broadcast coast-tocoast - assuming, of course. that Fisher does not win both titles. "If that's the case, I'll have to play myself," she

laughed. Fisher, who believes that snooker squandered a giltedged opportunity by not taking advantage of her novelty value, has obviously found a rewarding niche. Snooker's loss is pool's gain.

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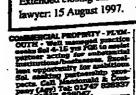
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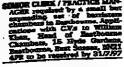
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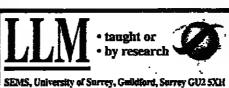
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ICC turns spotlight on problem of overkill

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

CRICKET is being urged by its senior captains to take urgent action to curtail the enlargement of the international programme. Simultaneously, however the game is expanding in yet another direction with the first, experi-mental steps towards floodlit Test matches.

These are the two most significant developments after a weekend of distinguished gatherings in London. The captains of the nine Testplaying countries met at Lord's on Friday and put their recommendations to the inaugural meeting of the Interna-tional Cricket Council's (ICC) upgraded cricket committee 24 hours later.

This committee, chaired by Sir Clyde Walcott, is now empowered to take binding decisions regarding interna-tional playing conditions. This enlightened break with the bureaucracy that has shackled the ICC will bear its first fruit with various changes operative from September, including an expansion of the thirdumpire system, allowing re-plays to be used if both on-field umpires are unsure about the validity of a catch.

The matter of greatest concern, though, must be forwarded to higher powers. This is the fear, expressed by the captains but shared by everyone with the game at heart, that cricket — especially of the one-day international variety - has reached saturation point in several countries.

This threatens the health and longevity of the players and, in the longer term, the financial stability of the game itself. There were wise words on this subject emanating from the captains' meeting, which proposed that each country should schedule a maximum of ten to 12 Tests and 25 to 30 one-day interna-

tionals in any calendar year. The second figure still seems disproportionately high less not in Pakistan, where the national team played 42 such

games last year. Of equal importance is the captains' request that each programme should ideally include an players can "recharge mentally and overcome minor injuries". England are far from being the worst offenders when it comes to overkill. next year, the national team will be expected to play 16 Tests in 12 months, with never

more than a three-week break. It is asking too much and the captains' proactive stance is to be applauded. The cricket committee, whose English representative is Doug Insole, apparently supports the opinion, but has no authority over the fixture programme. The matter has thus been referred to the executive board meeting, scheduled for December, which is already set to hear reports on a new world championship for Test cricket.

In time, such a tournamen will probably include floodlit games over five days and nights. This once outlandish possibility has certainly been advanced by the agreement of the cricket committee that grounds with floodlights may henceforth turn them on to expedite play in a Test match during periods of poor light.
This facility does not mean

that Tests can continue into the evening, or outside their regular playing hours, and its application will initially be negligible. The whole subject of floodlit Tests, however, will be reviewed at the ICC annual meeting next June and various English counties will observe with interest.

Surrey were recently stymied by the weather when they tried to stage the first daynight game on an established English ground, but Paul Sheldon, their chief executive, said yesterday: "If Test cricket does go the way of night matches, then we would do everything possible, with the blesinstall permanent lights at the



Boulton, captain of MCC Schools West, pulls a ball from Robert White during his unbeaten innings of 36 yesterday

Gold diggers assess prospects

THE man in the baseball cap sat in his deckchair on the edge of the boundary, as he has countless times over the past 25 years. "I am like a prospector looking for gold." he said. "I do not find anything very often, but you have got to keep on looking. One day, I will turn over a rock and find a nugget." The man is Brian Reynolds,

the former Northamptonshire batsman, and he was watching the final trial at the MCC Oxford Schools festival at the Wadham College ground on the outskirts of Oxford vesterday.

Reynolds has been coming to the festival since it started in 1985. In its first year. ael Roseberry were among the leading lights; more re-

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik is rapidly

establishing himself as the

main human threat to Garry

In the tournament at Dort-

mund he overwhelmed elite

opponents with remarkable

ease. Of particular note was

his 19 move demolition of

White: Viadimir Kramník

Black: Vassily Ivanchuk

Dortmund, July 1997

Kasparov's chess title.

Vassily Ivanchuk.

Kramnik's prospects

England's cricketing future and for Reynolds and other county scouts to make a discovery — before someone else does. Grenville Holland, who runs cricket at Durham University, is also on the boundary, as is Graham Saville, fresh from selecting the England Under-19 team to play Zimbabwe next month. "I am here to make sure that our net," Saville said.

Many of the best young cricketers have played for county youth teams before eaching their late teens, including two of the finest prospects on show vesterday. Adrian Marsh, of Abbots-holme School and Derbyshire, and Nick Boulton, of King's School, Taunton, who

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Schools West, played well for 36 before retiring at lunch to let others have a knock. The outcome of the match with the East schools is academic the aim is to be named among the 12 to play MCC today and the National Association of Young Cricketers tomorrow, both matches at Lord's, in what is the peak of school

Some first-class counties are mealy-mouthed about the festival, which may come under review after the reorganisation of the game by the new England and Wales Cricket Board. Gloucestershire gave out the names of seven players whom they the festival, only to withdraw them just before it began.

fears that their players will be "poached", which is a pity, hecause the festival gives the participants a wider experience than simply one of playing a good standard of cricket.

Most of the players on view are from independent schools, where the game continues to flourish, although there is increasing competition for pupils' time from other sports and examinations. It is in secondary and primary schools where the sport fights for its life, as Reynolds knows only too well from his travels
-around his home county.

The main change I've noticed in coming here over the years," Reynolds said, "is the in bowling. There we are

Scarborough battered by wind of change

Michael Austin on the changing face of one of cricket's greatest seaside festivals

SCARBOROUGH (President's XI won toss): Yorkshire won by five wickets

FEW grounds could attract a Monday crowd of 2,700 for a festive flirt, as North Marine Road did yesterday for a match in the 111th Scarborough Festival Yorkshire won something of a cosmetic con-test against a President's XI as the festival seeks to come to terms with its enforced switch from September to July. The younger, peak holiday-season audience is being targeted to

Many liked it the way it was, but, just to be sure, the club is handing out 500 quesenquiring how long they have the songs from the tannoy that greet each batsman please or offend. As for the stilt-walkers playing cricket in the intervals, the youngsters loved them.

The background to the Scarborough upheaval was that Yorkshire wanted to play their arly September match which is usually at North Marine Road - at Headingley rather than have a seaside distraction, should they be in the championship hunt. It was all part of the Yorkshire policy that included ruthlessly climinating all their other outgrounds from the fixture list. Cec Snell, the Scarborough chief executive, said: "The switch to July was forced on

produce a programme that was attractive to crowds." The club's original plans included sky-divers dropping in to launch the festival, but it was ruled too dangerous. As for the music, Snell said: "We have had a few complaints, but the young and middle

us, so we had to look at the

fixture gap around the Benson and Hedges Cup final to

Today, Yorkshire welcome back Holland, having lost to them by three wickets last summer. The crowd should exceed 3,000, but Snell knows that the championship match against Durham, starting to-morrow, is sure to pull in more spectators, whether the game was part of the festival

The President's team included players from five

countries, although David Boon's XI would perhaps have been a better title. The Yorkshiremen, who have been known to beat Yorkshire here in the past, were originally pencilled in, but finding enough available players of a suitable standard ruled out that idea.

One Yorkshireman excelled in the reshaped game. Ryan Sidebottom, 19, the son of former Yorkshire fast bowler, Arnie, had figures of five for 27 and was named man of the fast, showed his liking for the bracing air yesterday with three wickets for five runs in his first eight balls.

Shape Lee edged loosener to Richard Blakey, Mike Rindel chipped his sixth ball to cover and Chris Harris, of New Zealand, was soon leg-before. Only Boon, with 59 from 83 balls, extended the innings, enjoying a welcome stay in the middle after a lean spell for Durham.

Harris took four for 26, but Yorkshire won with 9.1 overs to spare after Anthony McGrath and Martyn Moxon made half-centuries. Darren Harland, 17, a Scarborough defeat. He made 23 not out for the President's XI, having Summer Holiday. A strain it definitely was for some of the

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Total IS wide, 40.5 over

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This is a hand from the Brazilian Championships. The declarer brought off a crafty swindle against Chagas (West). But the hand also said something good about Chagas and Branco (East), a pair who have won all versions of the world championship.

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East opened One Spade, and, curiously, South doubled. West showed his diamonds, and South at his next turn jumped to Four Hearts. East-West passed that out, a mistake as they could make Five

Diamonds. Declarer ruffed the dia-mond lead and played a spade. East took two top spades and, playing for a trump promotion, continued with a third round. Declarer ruffed with the jack of hearts and led the queen. To deny dummy entry East ducked. Declarer then advanced the jack of clubs from his hand. Chagas obviously thought that indicated his partner had a club honour, and so he played low, which looked foolish when the declarer claimed the rest of the tricks apart from

Do you see the compliment to Chagas and Branco? It is that either Branco must have ducked the the queen of hearts

so smoothly that he gave no indication to West that he had the ace, or if he did give some slight indication Chagas correctly took no notice of it. if Chagas had known that East had the ace of hearts he obviously would have taken the queen of clubs, as it was

Information that you receive from your partner's hesitation is 'unauthorised' (the term describes as 'smelly'

the ace of hearts. section on Saturday.

ESCHATOLOGY

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a. Lady of the manor

c. The dawn chorus

b. A young gentleman

a. The study of plastics

b. The study of pathological

c. The study of heaven and hell

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FRIPIER a. Hairdresser b. Clothes dealer c. Ancient assault weapon

b. A nocturnal bird

c. A sharp-shooting hunter

GUALACENE a. Colourless oil

used in the Laws), and you are not allowed to take advantage of it. But somehow many Wests would have picked up enough vibes from East to play the queen of clubs on the jack; they would then argue vehemently in the postmortem that they knew the declarer had the ace and king. It's the sort of thing that Zia ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

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By Raymond Keene the game Klip - van der Wiel, Holland 1997, Black is material What should Black have done

White: Vladimir Kramnik

Queen's Gambit Declined

Black: Artur Yusupov

Dortmund, July 1997

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Putting a premium on bonding character from the past -

BEN HOLLIOAKE joins the England cricket squad for a bonding session in Yorkshire next week. The Times, July 14.

Morning: Taverners' Club, Headingley

"Now then, lad, don't be shy, you're among friends here. This is Ben, everybody, and he's joining us on work

experience, to see how we do things at Team England. General greetings: "Hello, "You're only 19, Ben, and you've got a belting future.

Being an England cricketer the world and that means troughing all sorts of grub. This is not just a bat-and-ball game. It's a knife-and-fork game, too. I want you to be as comfortable with a menu as you are out in the middle. So. snap to, you lot, blindfolds on and park your burns round this table. We've got a marvellous spread on — excellent work, Mrs Grundy! — and I want you all to guess what you're eating." General munching.

tastes like goulash,

Where do you think you are, Crofty? A Taffy cafe? We do not play Test matches in Budapest, although if you carry on talking like that you might find yourself there this winter. Put that false nose on

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

Black to play. In this position from down and under attack. Here Black tried to unpin his knight with 1 ... Nh3. but this proved unsuccessful after the reply 2 Qg6.

MICHAEL HENDERSON



Line and Length

and do three laps of the ground. You think that's funny, do you, Goughy? You won't be laughing when you're hopping backwards round the pitch. Off you go. You could do with losing a few pounds. Well, Ben, what is it?" "Some sort of tart, Mr

"Spot on. I never thought for lad. Right, gang, let's get cracking. Our bonding knows

Afternoon: Ilkley Moor

Scoreboard ...

from 79 balls, signalled the

end of Pakistan's quest for

victory.
Pakistan won the toss and

put Sri Lanka in on a damp but slow pitch. Their bowlers

did well to corb Sri Lanka

initially, restricting them to 78

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This is the life! Peaks and valleys. Isn't that what life is

all about, Ben, peaks and valleys? After the peak of Edg-baston, we had to go through the valleys of Lord's and Old Trafford. Now we've got to put on our boots and start climb-

ing again, far above the babbling brook, and head for where the eagle flies." There aren't any eagles in Wharfedale, Bumble. You've got to go to the Lakes to see "You know all about lakes, Devon. Your bowling is as wet as Windermere.*

"Look, boss, a murder of CTOWS! "One across, six letters. What cricketers do in

Zimbabwe'." "Very funny, children. Now settle down. I was just telling our young friend that we had to reach for the sky, so let's all pretend to be Kenneth More. Put on your blazers, stick those pipes in your mouths and repeat after me: " say, old boy." 'Jolly good show, what?" 'Oh, ra-ther.' Come on, Thorpey, I thought this was your favourite game."

Evening: Ballroom, Marriott Hotel .

What are we doing now, Mr Lloyd?"
"Well, this is what we call the National Pageant. On with your togs, everybody!" General disrobing. "You see, everybody dresses

Nasser, lad, your slip's showing - and then we have a parade through the city. Last year, Athers went as Nelson and somebody shouted: 'If you'd been in charge of the fleet at Trafalgar, we'd be speaking French.' One time, someone pretended to be Lady Godiva. If I'm not mistaken, he plays for your club. I felt sorry for the horse, me."

"Does it do any good, this pageant?"
"Oh aye. It's an excellent bonding routine, and a pretty good guide to character. Not always, though. We gave Hicky the nod once, because he made such a wonderful impression as King Alfred. Unfortunately, he left the cakes in the oven when he went out to bat the next day and life has never been the same since. Creepy, what are you doing with that wig?"

Midnight: residents' bar

"Have you enjoyed your day with Team England, Ben? Did you get the gist of our little bonding ceremony?" Oh yes, Mr Lloyd, i enjoyed it very much."
"Good. Now go off and make a few hundreds and we

three years." Of course, it could all be very different

might ask you back in about

Sri Lanka fight hard for victory SRI LANKA produced a typi-Upal, the substitute fielder, at

cally spirited performance to defeat Pakistan by 15 runs in the opening match of the four-nation Asia Cup tournament After the departure of Moin Khan for 14 with the score on 205 for six, Salim opened up in Colombo yesterday. Chas-ing a target of 239, Pakistan and was clean bowled by Dharmasena going for a big hit. His demise, after hitting 57 were restricted to 224 for nine in 50 overs.

Even that total looked well outside their compass after a difficult start on a slowing pitch produced 51 runs from 12 overs for the loss of their top three batsmen. The middle order steadied the ship, but the turning point came with the total on 165 for four when înzamam-ul-Haq was run out for 48. Responding to a call from Salim Malik, Inzamam

Jayasuriya did not look at his best and went for 33 in the eleventh over, driving to mid-off, where Rameez Raja held a

fine running catch. De Silva looked to be settling in for a big innings, plundering 34 from 42 balls, until he fell to a superb diving catch by Saqlain off Aamir Sohail. At 160 for two, Sri Lanka still looked well placed to reach a total of 250 or more, but that did not allow for a batting collapse that included

three run-outs in 17 balls. Their last eight wickets fell for only 79 runs off 94 balls, but Atapattu, the opener, archored the innings, staying until the 45th over and scoring 80 runs from 114 balls.

Patel leaves Test scene

DIPAK PATEL: 38, the New Zealand all-rounder, is expected to announce his retirement from international cricket tomorrow. Patel, born in Kenya. had ten seasons with Worcestershire before emigrating in

He has played 37 Tests for his adopted country, scoring 1,200 runs at an average of 20.68 and taking 75 wickets with his off breaks at 42.05 apiece. Only six New Zealand players — Glenn Turner, John Wright, Martin Crowe, Bert Sutcliffe, Geoff Howarth and John Reid - have scored more first-class runs.....

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RACING: SPOKESMAN FOR MELBOURNE CUP SAYS VICTORY WILL NOT BE GAINED BY TREATING RACE AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT

ment to those weighing the

challenge, describing the do-

mestic defence as weaker than

usual and noting that prize-

Benton urges Europeans to show sense of purpose

By Chris McGrath

A GOOD year in 1993 has yielded a harvest of bitter disappointment for northern hemisphere raiders in the Melbourne Cup. After Vintage Crop's ground-breaking success, various horses have left Europe seeming to hold more than merely a sporting chance, but all have found Flemington barren soil. Yesterday, however, it was emphasised that the expensive failure of another Irish-trained runner, Oscar Schindler, in last year's race should not be treated as the final straw.

All we need, it seems, is to emulate the Australian cricketers' game plan, which is to say, not to treat it as a game at all. There is nothing particu-larly frivolous about a first prize of £700,000. Nor are many people able to laugh off the £35,000 it will cost to send a horse to the other side of the world this November.

Les Benton, the Victoria Racing Club general manager, has made it his mission over the past five years to button-hole connections of the top stayers in Britain and ireland and not let go until he pins a carnation there for race day on November 6. His latest visit concluded, he yesterday claimed to have legitimate hope that some 15 horses are being trained with Melbourne

in mind, including, intrigu-ingly, the progressive Arabian Story, owned by the Queen. disappointed are too good to be beaten that far. But if they run in the Prix du Cadran or If the race stays in the back

of a trainer's mind, however, Benton warned that the race which stops all Australia will also stop his horse. Oscar Schindler was sent to Melbourne only after his form in the autumn — he was an unlucky third in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, suddenly made him look magnetically handicapped. Benton is clear that to treat the race as an afterthought is not to think at

"I think northern hemi-sphere trainers are still on a learning curve here," he said. This is one of the world's hardest races, and there's no point running if you don't treat it as such. Oscar Schindler and others to have

run in the Prix du Cadran or Arc first, it is asking too much then to go into quarantine and take a 24-hour flight around the world.

do what Dermot Weld did in the first place with Vintage Crop - prepare the horse with the race specifically in mind. Our cricketers are doing it right, pacing themselves be-fore coming good. Mount Everest has been climbed, by Weld, and if you've got the courage and plan it properly, the British can climb it too. After all, 256 people have climbed Everest since Hillary and Tenzing."

Somewhat imprudently, Benton qualified himself by adding that 126 people have also been killed in the attempt.

Romanov looks to France

ROMANOV, trained by Peter Fabre has a fine record in Chapple-Hyam and ridden by the race and can call upon John Reid, has his first outing another worthy representa-tive in Kirkwall. The son of since finishing third to Benny Selkirk was third to Star-The Dip in the Vodafone borough in the group one Prix Derby in the group two Prix Eugene Adam over ten fur-Jean Prat at Chantilly and longs at Saint-Cloud today.
The Nureyev colt, who was that form has taken on an added gloss with the winner's

also third to Desert King in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, faces five rivals, including the Andre Fabre-trained Kirkwall, the mount of Olivier Peslier.

money will this year include £20,000 for the horses finish-The only way to do it is to ing between sixth and tenth. Though he nobly surrendered a day at the Old

Trafford Test match to dine Celeric's owner, Christopher Spence, it seems that the likeliest raiders at this stage are Classic Cliche, runner-up to that horse when defending the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, and Grey Shot, a fine seventh on unsuitably fast ground in Melbourne last year. "But Celeric is an ideal type for the race," Benton said. "He is more suitable than Double Trigger was, as he has more speed, but stays the trip equal-

Clerkenwell and Election Day are two possibles from the yard of Michael Stoute, who has, over the past year, more than matched Weld's horizon-shrinking sense of adventure with a racehorse. Significantly, earlier this year Stoute sent an envoy to examine new quarantine facilities at Melbourne. Orchestra Stall is another

who may be running for those who take up the Tote's offer of 3-1 against a Europeantrained winner. Ladbrokes quotes Classic Cliche alone, at 20-1.



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Classic Cliche, right, is the most likely British challenger for the Melbourne Cup

O'Brien juveniles are under a cloud

KING OF KINGS, who lost his unbeaten record in the Anglesey Stakes at the Curragh on Sunday, did not eat up after the race, his trainer, Aidan O'Brien, said yesterday. O'Brien conceded that his juvenile team is under something of a cloud.

"The three two-year-olds we took out of Sunday's meeting at the Curragh were off the feed that morning, but King Of Kings seemed all right." he said. "The two-year-olds will have an easy time this week.

"It was a pity for everyone that King Of Kings did not stick his head in front Unfortunately his symptoms were 24 hours behind the others. but I'm not overly worried about the problem at this

O'Brien added that Desert King is unlikely to run in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot. The dual Classic winner may instead go for the Juddmonte International at York or the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in preparation for the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown on September 13.

☐ Docklands Limo, trained Newmarket by Brian McMath, landed one of Ireland's richest handicaps, the £50,000-added Ulster Harp Derhy, at Down Royal yesterday. The four-year-old, who beat Munif by 12 lengths, was ridden by

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2.15 Distinct Vintage

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,45 FORT KNOX. Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW (nep).

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SPIEHARO EVANS

Nap: HAWAIT (3.00 Beverley) Next best: Little Fizz. (2.15 Brighton) Thunderer included Shashi (11-2), BlessingIndisguise (7-2) and C-Harry (100-30) among his Winners yesterday.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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5 (7) 0-43130 STAND TALL 18 (CD,F,G) (J Basep), 8 9 Sulfovan 9-9-11

5 (0) 10-0600 CRYSTAL HEBRITS 53 (CD,F,G) (J Basep), 8 9 Sulfovan 9-9-11

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

yesterday. Always in the front rank, the Ed Dunlop-trained gelding showed a useful turn of foot to repel the Pertemps 2.000 Guineas fifth Zamindar by threequarters of a length to gain his fifth success in six starts this season. Croft Pool (trained by Jeremy Glover). Deep Finesse (Michael Jarvis) and Hever Golf

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Crossword Championship 1997

The Times Crossword Championship 1997 will now take place at the first Mind Sports Olympiad, at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Sunday August 24 between 3pm and 6.30pm.

This year's championship will be in a new format. It will be launched with a qualifying puzzle which will be published in The Times this Thursday, July 17. Readers who solve this qualifier will then be invited to the Royal Festival Hall to compete in further rounds for the chance to become this year's champion.

THE MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD



SEE THE QUALIFYING CROSSWORD IN

THE TIMES THIS THURSDAY, JULY 17

BEVERLEY-2.00 GIPSY PRINCESS (nap), 2.30 Ceution, 3.00 Hawait, 3.30 Brookhouse Lady, 4.00 Tancred Mischief, 4.30 Ned's Bonanza, 5.00 Half A Knicker. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2,00 Star Turn.

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2.00 MITSUBISHI APPRENTICES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,111: 1m 100yd) (14 runners)

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3.00 COMET HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,443: 71 100yd) (8)

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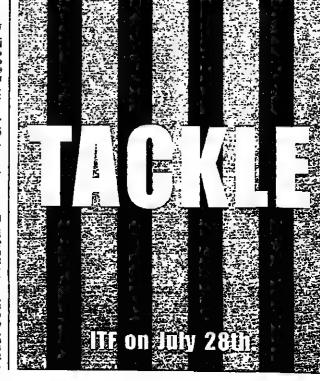
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No doubting Thomas's new fame Taylor takes pleasure in

ATHLETICS COULESPONDENT

TWO weeks ago, sitting in his hotel room on the morning of the Lausanne grand prix meeting Iwan Thomas was asked whether he felt that he was receiving fair media exposure. "I would like more recognition, but don't deserve it yet," he said. "I have got to do something really special."
That night, Thomas ran a

good race, but nothing special. Three days earlier, he had forfeited his chance of an historic run when, five strides from the finish of the 400 metres at the British grand prix meeting in Sheffield, he threw his arms aloft and began to celebrate victory. The showmanship had cost him a British record.

Finally, on Sunday, Thomas did something special. He sliced 0.01sec off Roger Black's national record, running to the line. His consistency this season, together with his personal best of 44.36sec, marks him as the safest each-way bet for a medal in his event at the world championships in Athens next month.

Thomas has been honest enough to admit that he hoped that Michael Johnson, the world and Olympic champion, would not be in Athens. However, it emerged yesterday that he will be. The International Amateur Athletic Federation confirmed that all world champions from Gothenburg, two years ago, would be invited to compete and Johnson, who had been omitted from the United States team, said, through Brad Hunt, his manager, that he would accept

Theoretically, Johnson could run the 200 and 400 metres, as world champion in both, but, even before he pulled up injured during his 150 metres against Donovan Bailey in June, he had said that he would defend only one title. Given his recent quadriceps injury, Johnson had opted for the 400 metres because the shorter race "puts more pressure on my legs". Add the fact that the 200 metres would provide stiffer opposition for Johnson — Ato Boldon, Maurice Greene and Frankie Fredericks each ran inside 20 seconds on Sunday - and it seems that he has no choice to make.

The IAAF invitations still leave no place for Butch Reynolds, the world record-



Thomas enjoys the moment in Birmingham that he claims the British record of 44.36sec for 400 metres

holder, from the United States. Only Johnson, with 43.75sec, and Reynolds, with 44.08sec, have run faster than Thomas this season, but Reynolds did not qualify for the United States team after fin-

ishing sixth in the trials. Asked in Lausanne about the uncertaintly over Johnson's participation in Athens, Thomas said: "I do not want him there. No. No." Yesterday, asked whether the news had taken the shine off Sunday, he said: "No. Nobody can take away my British record and I am very proud of it. If I were to win in Athens and he was not there, everybody would say it was because he was not there. I am not saying I am going to best Michael Johnson, but everybody is

beatable and I am going to do

While Thomas declines to speculate how fast he can go, ten-year-old European record of 44.33sec is a big goal

In Lausanne, Thomas had been saying that, outside the Southampton area where he lives, he was hardly recognised. He sensed a change within hours of setting his British record. Stopping at a motorway service station on the way home, he was asked for his autograph. "A girl, about my age," he said. "I think I deserve the recog-

One can hardly say that it has been a long time coming. Roger Black had won two European titles before Thomas even began to think of becoming an athlete. When he was invited to appear on A Question of Sport, he had to ask his coach to give him lessons in the history of 400

In his early teens, Thomas was a successful BMX racer, finishing ninth in the 1987 world championships and fourth in the European championships a year later. He dropped out of the sport when his sponsor separated from his wife and moved away. He dabbled with athletics, but was not keen and the 1988 English schools cross country championships proved a miscold, muddy, horrible,"Thom-as said. "I did not like athletics until I moved schools in 1990."

Even then, he preferred rugby, playing for county and district, but then he broke five athletics records in his school sports. "That was when it all changed, 1992," Thomas said.
"I did not start running until I was 18 "

An open and affable character, Thomas, now 23, has peaked while having to deal with the end of a seven-year romance, "It was devastating," he said, "but I have got to put all my private problems out of my mind because this is a massive year for me. She was the first person I wanted to phone after I won in Sheffield, but I cannot afford to speak to her because it will just muck my mind up again." Michael Johnson does not need that kind of help.

his qualified success

IF A random selection of member of the squad from golfing enthusiasts were to be which the Walker Cup team invited to stand in line and take a step smartly forward if they had heard of one Yestyn Taylor, it is worthwhile surmising that they would stay resolutely staring ahead in dumb incomprehension and not moving a muscle.

Taylor may be a household name in his own household. but until yesterday his fame did not spread much further abroad. Taylor is one of those bright young amateurs who every year makes a name for himself in the final qualifying stages of the Open Championship. On Sunday, he had a 69 at Western Gailes that came as a pleasant surprise, but the best was yet to come.

With confidence boosted by his first-round form, Taylor strode out and produced a 67 to finish one shot behind the experienced tournament professionals. José Coceres and Brendan McGovern.

Taylor is a member of a remarkable little club called Brynhill, near Barry, which has produced more fine ama-

teurs than any club of its size is normally entitled to do. Stephen Dodd, a former Amateur champion, was nurtured there, and so was Calvin O'Carroll, the former British boys' champion. Taylor, who won the Welsh amateur championship at Ashburn-ham last year, has continued that distinguished line. They may well have been dancing in the streets in that neck of the Welsh woods last night.

Taylor has played at all levels for Wales and was a

for this year was selected. A nervous, highly-strung indi-vidual, he did not make the final line-up and, so liberated, played some of the best golf of his career in the past two

today," he said. "I birdied the difficult holes but threw away a couple of shots at the easier ones. But you do expect to drop shots in the wind, so you just have to get on with

Taylor attributed his heady form to the work that he has



been putting in with Will James, who works for the Welsh Golfing Union and also worked with the Walker Cup squad advising on diet, fitness and the mental side of the

"in the past I was too hard on myself," Taylor said. "If I dropped a shot I would try and force hard to make a birdie at the next, and invariably end up dropping another shot. I feel much more positive now." He could say that again.

There were the usual tales of derring-do to be told, as there are every year in this sophisti-

cated form of sporting torture. Richard Boxall, who has made a habit in the past few years of burning up final qualifying courses, did it again, adding a 67 to his first-round 69 to qualify in some style at

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There was a high-octane pairing at Irvine, where the first two places were filled by John Kernohan, an American professional, and Guarav Ghei, one of 35 players from the Asian PGA's Omega Tour playing in the final qualifying rounds. Kernohan had rounds of 67 and 66, beating Ghei by two strokes. Four Omega players go into the Champion-

ship proper.

Meanwhile, at Glasgow Gailes, Wayne Westner, the big-hitting South African with the deceptively lazy-looking swing, finished on 135 alongside Ken Duke, of the United

Two years ago Steven Bottomley produced the per-formance of his life to finish tied for third place at St Andrews, but in spite of two rounds of 69 at Kilmarnock Barassie he is not counting his chickens. "I'm in the same sort of form as I was in at St Andrews," he said. "That is, up and down. I was in the same sort of shape before 1995 perhaps it's an omen." Perhaps it is; more likely, it is

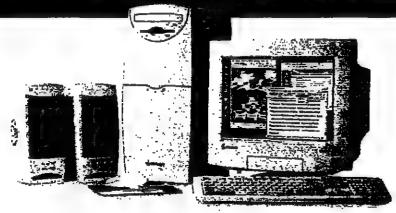
Larry Mize was one of the top casualties of qualifying yesterday. The 1987 Masters champion failed to survive at Western Gailes despite a second round 70 for a level-par

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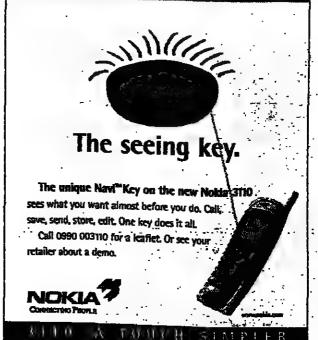


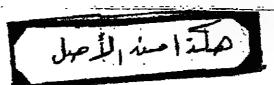
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Understudy Ullrich set to take lead role

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN LOUDENVIELLE

THE climbers finally had their day yesterday when the Tour de France field shattered into small groups in the mist-shrouded Pyrenees and Laurent Brochard, of France, stole an unexpected win in the mountain resort of Louden-

However, while Brochard lit the fuse of Bastille Day celebrations, Jan Ullrich, of Germany, the supposed understudy to Bjarne Riis, the defending champion, emerged as the race favourite, in spite of riding throughout the day for his struggling team-mate. Rus, from Denmark, the

leader of the Telekom team. struggled to follow Ulirich's pace on the Col de Val Louron, the final climb of the stage, and lost touch with his protege, who moved decisively clear with Richard Virenque, of France, and Marco Pantani, of

Italy. Chris Boardman's hopes of a high final placing were dealt a serious blow when he crashed heavily on the descent of the Col du Soulor and lost time before finishing the stage in some pain.

"Another rider came shooting past me on the descent," Boardman said. "I thought he must have known the way down, even in the fog, but suddenly we were riding up an embankment and I ended up rolling into the ditch. After that, I was trapped, as nobody I was with wanted to chase the race and I couldn't ride alone for 130 kilometres.

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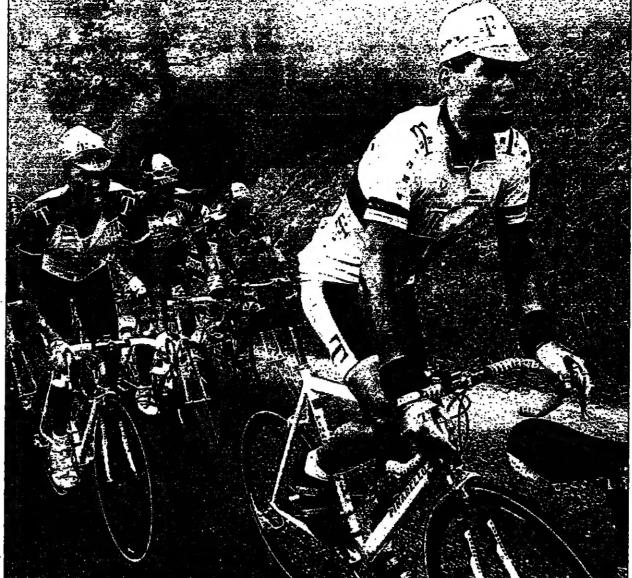
"I think I have displaced two vertebrae, but we are going to the hospial for X-rays to check. If it was any other race, I would probably be going home now, but this is the Tour de France. There is no question of me stopping."

With the sprint stages be-hind them, the field rode into the heart of the French Pyrenees in humid and overcast conditions. On the first climb of the Col du Soulor, the pace was high enough to take about 60 riders, including Boardman, clear as Virenque's Pestina team set a high tempo.

The relentless attacks were clearly aimed at disturbing the normally implactable Riis, but, at the summit of the Col du Tourmalet, after 106 kilometres, Riis was still sitting comfortably alongside Ullrich and Virenque, even though the lead group had dwindled to about a dozen. On the lush valley roads,

though, leading to the foot of the final climb — the steep and narrow Col du Val Louron the cracks first began to appear in the Riis's defences. With Brochard, Virenque's team-mate, attacking at the foot of the climb, and Festina riders still dictating events, Telekom's waiting game came to an end and Ullrich moved forward in an attempt to discourage any further break-

Virenque attacked four times in the 12-kilometre climb, taking the red-faced Riis beyond his limits until



Ullrich, right, and Riis lead the way as the Tour field climbs through the fog of the Soulor Pass yesterday

finally, with Ullrich smoothly in tow, he and Pantani sprinted clear as they approached the summit.

Meanwhile, Brochard, who had earlier been left behind, recovered his strength yet again and he passed the trio on the descent to sail clear to his first Tour stage win.

Just behind them, Cedric Vasseur, Boardman's French team-mate, surpassed expecations to cling on to the race lead by just 13sec from

Ullrich, but the 20-kilometre finishing climb to Andorra today is expected to prove too much for him.

Despite being dropped by his team-mate, Riis was confident later, saying: "Even though I suffered on the last climb, I am still the [team] leader. It is normal for me to have a bad first day in the mountains. Anyway, if Ullrich takes the lead, it doesn't matter. He won't have

TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Clubs will consider way ahead

By Christopher Irvine

CLUBS will gather next month, after the second series of world club championship matches is completed, to consider restructuring ideas and a controversial proposal to limit television income from the Stones Super League deal with Sky Sports to the elite clubs

While the Rugby Football League (RFL) and Rugby League Europe (RLE), the marketing arm of the leading clubs, yesterday denied one rumour in circulation - that Halifax, Castleford and Oldham are to be expelled under a franchising plan for the Super League from 1999 - a smaller league is widely seen as more advantageous than the present 12-team structure.

How streamlining would be achieved is unclear, but it is unlikely that any clubs would vote themselves out of existence. A statement by both the RFL and RLE said it was no secret that the game is looking to reform itself, but added that change could only arrive from a full, frank and honest debate involving all clubs.

"Any suggestion that clubs have been selected or identified for exclusion from Super League or any competitions is complete nonsense. Only the game itself can decide any such matters," the organisations said.

Clubs in the first and second divisions will not take kindly to a suggestion by the RFL board of directors that, under any future Super League deal, they would be excluded from money that is all that is preventing some clubs from

going out of business. Castleford, with rumours of their demise dismissed, confirmed yesterday that they to move to a new stadium at Whitwood, near the M62 motorway, at a site owned by Wakefield council. IN BRIEF

Keast in new role at Stoop

ANDY KEAST has been ap pointed director of rugby at Harlequins. Keast, who was technical coach to the British Lions in South Africa, coached Harlequins to third place in the Courage Clubs Championship and to the Pilkington Cup semi-linal last season.

He will be responsible for all coaching and playing matters at the Stoop, while contractual and financial arrangements will be left to Donald Kerr, the chief executive.

Snooker: The new board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) has appointed Jim McKenzie as its chief executive. McKenzie. 45, was formerly managing director of EG Riley Limited, the leading table and cue manufacturers.

Golf: Great Britain and Ireland suffered a 19-5 defeat in the inaugural Palmer Cup against their collegiate counterparts from the United States at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Florida.

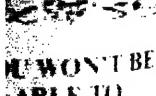
Yachting: The America's Cup returned to New Zealand yesterday after undergoing repairs in London from the damage it received from a Maori land rights protester.

Shooting: Stuart Collings, an osteopath from Berkshire, led by four points at Bisley yesterday as the match rifle championship completed its penultimate stage.

Athletics: Lameck Aguta, winner of this year's Boston Marathon, was in a stable condition yesterday with serious injuries sustained in a road accident in his native Kenva.

Golf: The Amateur Championship will return to Royal

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MINOR COUNTESS CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two]: Southill Pariet Linconshire 220-8 (S G Phamb 88, M R Gouldstone St; C K Bullen 4-53) and 43-1; Bedforshire 225-2 (N A Stanley 120 not out, W Latiens 71). Radfett: Nortolk 227-3 (C J Rogers 87, C Armoss 67) and 27-0; Herifordshire 207-7 (D M Ward 91). Tynemouth: Northumberland 168 (B T P Doneland 4-31); Cambridgesine 141-5, Oswestry: Stropshire 259-5 (K Starp 68, J V Anders 69) and 4-1; Walks 296-5 (K M Bell 64, A J Jones 50). Meriborough CC: Witshire 259-4 (M J Glesson 113, R H Wade 87) and 18-1; Connett 169 (B V Taylor 6-70) CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British Open champion-ships: Singler: Final: C D Clarke b! S N Muliner +25 tp, +2, +5. Doubles: Final: Bendford and Muliner bit Clarke and Fultord +9, -26 tp, -26 tp, +26, +26 tp.

BOELANDS FARM HILL: Army feethal: inter-services championship 33-mile road rock: 1, WO1 J Helfeman (Army) 1hr 25min 3esc; 2, L/Cpi S Thompson (Army); 3, L/Cpi A Urquieri (Army) both same time Teem: Army

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COAL VALLEY, Binois: Leading final scores: Quad City Open (US unless noted): 285: D Tome 67, 58, 67, 65 266; J Johnston 70, 67, 69, 62; B Charmblee 71, 65, 65, 67; R Gennez 67, 65, 69, 67, 2898; B Fabel 68, 67, 65, 67; F Luddier 71, 67, 63, 68, 270; S Stricter 69, 68, 67, 66; D Rummals 68, 70, 68, 67; R Cochran 65, 67, 68, 69, 69, 70, 67, 68, 274; G Hjensisch (Swe)-59, 70, 67, 68, 274; G Hjensisch (Swe)-59, 70, 69, 68, 275; G Walso (NZ) 69, 67, 70, 69, 276; R Alarcon (Med) 72, 68, 68, 70 279; R Zokol (Can) 70, 69, 70, 70.

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ST AUBAN, France: World champlan-shipe: Eighth day: Open (337 km poly 12 completions of 18): 1, J Andersen (Den) 118.5kph, 957pts; 2, G Lham (Fr) 94, 727; 3, D Hauss (Fr) 62.4, 712; 4, H Breidani

(Den) 90.9, 697, equal 14, R May (GE) and P Jones (GE) 298 7em. 501 Overall positiona: 1, Unerm 6.585(de; 2, Hauss 6.572; 3, R Schroeder (Ger) 6.557; 4, U Schwenk (Ger) 6.450; 13, Jones 5.246; 7, May 4.557; 15m (200am poly 6.250 corred-completions of 34), 1, W Meuser (Ger) 55.5, 1,000; 2, A Kay (GB) 61, 9, 981; 3, Subnes (GB) 61 8, 978; equal 4, G Naves (Fr) and P Vesteriek (Fr) 81 2 077; 5, 1 MMs. GRB 950 Keriorik (C.2) 61 2, 977-15, J Wills (GS) 259, 797. Overall positions: 1, Measter 8,855, 2 M Grund (Ger) 6,865; 3, G Galesto (IT) 6,874; 4, Naves 6,655; 6, Wills 5,288-7, Kay 5,443, 11, Jones 9,050 Standard (278km poly: 23 completions of 39) 1, I. Avenzni (IT) 108, 821; 2, V Kučovoki (Stonalsoi) 106 4, 807; 3, P Haromann (Austina) 103 1, 781; 4, 807; 3, P. Hair v ruscovcis. (Stovalos) 105 4, 807; 3, P. Hair v ruscovcis. (Stovalos) 108 1, 78; 4, H Haemmerte (Austria) 102.8, 778, 13. A. Davis (GB) 97, 723; 19, B. Screckley (GB) 78, 581; 27, M. Walis. (GB) 242.6, 488, Overall positions: 1, J-M Callard (Fr) 8,496; 2, J-D Barross (Fr) 6,365; 3, C. Lopiaux, J-D Barross (Fr) 6,365; 3, C. Lopiaux, J-D Barross (Fr) 6,365; 3, C. Spreckley 4,836, 12; Wells 5,625; 28, Spreckley 4,836,

POWERBOATING

RIFLE SHOOTING BISLEY: NRA Imperial Meeting: Match weekend aggregate: 1, S Collings (Windson) 567 69; 2, J Pugsley (Pescal 563,64; 3, J Powell (Sussex) 563,63. Martin Parr Aggregate: 1, A Hissey English Vill) 286 31, 2, A Melicium (NRC Sorbard) 282,31; 3, R Rosling (Old Notinghames) 280,30 Rd Aggregatia Cupr. 1, J Mescer 454 30; 2, C Brook (LMRA) 450 27; 3, N Batl (Stock Exchange) 449,29, Armournes Gold Meeting (1200 yds); 1, P Charlina (Stock Exchange) 89,7; equel 2, Rosling and Braiser 88 7

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BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sidth leg (Boston to Southernpton) Latest positions twish miles to Southernpton, as at 14.04GMT yesterday; 1. Group 4 283; 2, Tourisha Ware Warrior 305, 3, Concert 324; 4, Save the Cristion 370; 5, Commercial Linux 378; 6, 3Com 395, 7, Nuclear Bectric 398; 8, Global Tearmowth 402; 9, Ocean Rover 404; 10, Courtaulds International 405; 11, Pause to Remedier 645, 12, Health Insured It 405; 13, Motorole 409; 14, Tearm 8, Tirde 482.

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WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: First round: I. Homes (Mes) bit J Grabb (US) 1-8, 6-1, 7-5; G Pozzi (Ib) of Grant (US) 6-1, 6-4, Milerets (II) bit II unbace (Cro) 7-8, 7-5, N Godwn (SA) bit G Etis (Arg) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cov-entry 14 Bakenhead 9; Lancaster 7 Penguin 8: Royton 17 Bristol 20; Sution 9 Nova 11; Lancaster 16 Bristol 11; Royton 9 Penguin 10; Sution 15: Rotherham 9; Second division: Tyldastey 15 Bedford 9; Bradford 11 Bedford 12; Datter 9 Parogon 13; Tyldosley 11 Invicts 3

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Little Nicholas makes giant strides on her way to the top

Patricia Davies looks

at the record-breaking

success of a golfer at the US Women's Open

t is a big title — and an enormous trophy — and Alison Nicholas, all 60 inches of her, played like a giant to win the 52nd US Women's Open championship at Pumpkin Ridge, Oregon, on Sunday. The little English-woman defeated Nancy Lopez.

the icon of women's golf. whose book inspired Nicholas to take up the game seriously at 17, by a single shot in a final round that was as exciting. enthralling and emotional as any Open could be. Cheered on by Laura Davies, the champion in 1987. who missed the cut but was on

hand to see the second Open victory by a Briton. Nicholas finished with a flawless par five for a 71 and a total of 274 a record-breaking ten under par. Lopez's 15-foot birdie putt just dribbled away from the hole and she had to sink a fivefooter that she could hardly see through the tears for a 69 to become the first woman to score under 70 in all four rounds in an Open - and still it was not enough. "It's a tough thing," Lopez.

who has won 48 tournaments. said. "I've always wanted to win the US Open and I felt like this was really my time to do it, but Alison played really great. There's got to be a word in there somewhere between disappointed and happy. because I'm not really disappointed - I felt like I played the best I could - but I'm not happy either, because I didn't win. But it was a fight."

It was, in fact, a battle royal from the off. Lopez. the darling of the galleries for more than 20 years, had most of the 31.700 spectators on her side. "I expected that," Nicholas, 35, said. "She's a great champion and she deserves that applause and I tried to enjoy it, to think that they were applauding me a little bit, too. They were terrific. I just had to play my golf and concentrate on that."

Nicholas is a Christian and ber friends had prayed that she would be calm on what was likely to be a frenzied day. Three strokes ahead of Lopez at the start, the lead was cut to two immediately when the American hit a seven-iron to three feet at the 1st and holed the putt. Nicholas, nervous. pulled her drive into the rough and did wonderfully well to hit a nine-wood on to the green. She holed a tricky putt for her par four, which was impor-

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(b) A dealer in old clothes. From the Old French frepe a rag.

"Men turn their principles inside out, as a frippier does a

(a) A light colourless oil, obtained by the dry distillation of

Clygophyllacea), native to the West Indies and the warmer parts of America. The guaiacum, or lignum vitae, is found here. The bark is white and gummy, the leaves winged, the blossoms of a beautiful violet colour, and the berries are used as bitters.

(c) The department of theological science concerned with "the four last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell." From the Greek "discourse of the last". "Eschatology, the science of the last things, is, as a science, one of the most baseless."

(b) A young man of gentle birth, not yet made a knight

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Lopez, the runner-up, congratulates Nicholas

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Nicholas punches the air in jubilation after becoming only the second British player to win the US Women's Open

tant, for it showed that she the 14th and the Open took its would not be intimidated and. obligatory twist. more significantly, that her Fuelled by adrenalin. Nichputting touch, so deft all week, olas was hitting the ball vast was still intact. At the par-four

3rd, Nicholas boomed her

drive past Lopez, never a short

hitter, and followed her oppo-

At the 4th, a par five of 501

ands. Lopez pitched to a foot,

but admitted that the birdie

felt like a bogey because

Nicholas holed out from 56

yards for an eagle three. "That

was kind of a kick in the face,"

Lopez said. Three birdies in

the first four holes, yet she was

Nicholas moved four ahead

when Lopez dropped a shot at

the 9th and the crowd was a

little subdued as the English-

woman consistently made par.

She had had only three bogeys

in 67 holes when she came to

still three shots behind.

nent in for a birdie.

distances - her driving average was 219 yards in the first round, 262 in the third, when her ball-striking was majestic. and 259 on Sunday - and it

Open qualifying Tiger stalks Troon 48

proved her undoing. At the 14th, a watery par four of 393 yards, she had 105 yards to the oin, her normal distance for a wedge. This wedge flew yards farther, over the green and into the wetlands, an environmental hazard from which a penalty drop is obligatory. A six cut the lead from three

shots to one.

got caught up in the cabbage - as she chipped out and she

was on the green in four. Lopez, concentrating every thing on the line, left her outt for par two inches short. Agonised, she watched Nicholas, drawing on the experience of 12 European victories and four Solheim Cups, hole yet

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another testing putt for a

Then Lopez, firing for the pin, missed the green at the

short 15th and dropped a shot. She got it back at the next hole.

but hit a bad drive at the 17th

and found a bunker with her

second shot, before playing a

majestic long sand shot to 12

feet. Nicholas also missed the

green, landing by the grand-

stand, and needed a long,

drawn out drop as she moved

people and waited for the

shuffling to subside. Her club

- Davies's term for the rough

Born: March 6, 1962 in Gibraltar 1982: Wins North of England girls' championship 1983: Becomes British strokepley champion and retains North of England title 1984: Turns professional and joins

the women's four 1987: First tour victory in the Weetabux Women's British Open nament, the Variety Club Celebrity Classic and the James Capel Guernsey Open 1**989:** Takes three more titles — the

Lulthansa German Open, the Gislaved Open and the Qualitain 1990: Retains Variety Club title and she would again in 1992 1994 and

1992: Lifts the AGF Open de Paris 1995: Wins twice on the US LPGA Tour, as well as Scottish Open s fourth in order of ment 1997: Wins US Women's Open

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bogey and to maintain her

The duo matched each other shot for shot up the 18th and when Nicholas, who putted first, had a virtual "gimme" for her par, Lopez knew she had to make her putt. She missed and later her father. Domingo, who started her off in the game, said to her on the telephone: "Perhaps you're not supposed to win this US Open." Lopez, fit at 40 after being fat at 39, disagreed. "No, dad, I'm going to win it some day," she said.

Nicholas. a Yorkshire woman born in Gibraltar, had played like a rock and she was ecstatic, if stunned. "It was just a wonderful day, a dream come true," she said. "Playing with Nancy was a privilege and I shall remember this for ever." She had not even started to think about the first prize of \$232,500 (around £145,000) or that, on a course that she considered to be "very tough" before the championship

ain, and Stefania Croce, the Italian, were tied for fifth. Since winning the Weetabix Women's British Open in 1987, her first victory as a professional, Nicholas has been a solid performer, three times second on the order of merit in Europe, but never No I. That should all change now.

started, that her fellow Euro-

peans, Lisa Hackney, of Brit-

Over the past two years, she has worked ferociously hard with Lawrence Farmer, her coach, and Paul Darby, her fitness coach, and between them, not forgetting the enthu-siasm of Mark Fulcher, her caddie, they have produced a champion in body and mind.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A down-to-earth quiz

Space Cadets Channel 4, 6.00pm

An undernanding quiz show may be an odd choice for a channel committed to eschewing the entertainment mainstream, unless you count science fiction as a minority interest. For the stuff of Space Cadets is sci-fi trivia, with Greg Proops as questionmaster and Craig Charles and Bill Bailey captaining teams of comedians, fans and icons such as William Shatner of Star Trek. If the concept is innovative, the question formats are not.

A "what happens next?" sequence comes from A Question of Sport, a caption competition echoes that of Have I Got News For You and Call My Bluff is surely the inspiration for a round which relies on three definitions, one true and two false. It is a jokey and boisterous show, which should particularly appeal to those who delight in recognising obscure B movies.

Tool Stories Channel 4, 8.00pm

A new series on DIY covers roughly similar ground as the BBC's Home Front in that it features ordinary people who want to spruce up their homes. But while the BBC show was hosted by the unquenchably jolly Tessa Shaw backed by smart young designers, Tool Stories has George Herbert. He is an unlikely TV star: a balding, middle-aged London builder with an accent that would fit happily into EastEnders. But his contribution is strangely modest. He does offer advise to a couple strangely modest. happily into EastEnders. But his contribution is strangely modest. He does offer advice to a couple of soon-to-be-weds on laying floor tiles but otherwise potential do-it-yourselfers looking for tips will be disappointed. A man constructing a mock Turkish ruin in his back garden is left to get on with it, as are a family in Cumbria who have taken over a crumbling 17th-century inn much in paed of refurbishment.

Murder Squad: The Knife Killings ITV, 9.00pm

On The Scouting Trail

The final programme covers two cases in which young men died of stab wounds and carries sombre rosssages from the police about the dangers of carrying knives. As before, the strength of the film is that there is no reconstruction. We follow the murder squad's investigations as they

RADIO CHOICE

Radio 2, 9.30pm The fact that this year is the 90th birthday of the Boy Scout movement can only mean that its centenary will come in ten years' time but for some reason Radio 2 cannot wait for a logical anniversary, so will celebrate an illogical one. Never mind, once one's despair at yet another programme dictated by the calendar is overcome there is no denying that the Scout movement is rich ground for documentary, given the number of celebrities who were in the Scouts. Ronnie Corbett in khaki shorts sounds more like a television sketch than a real occurrence but he was a proud patrol leader. And of course Jeffrey Archer not only remembers his first bob-a-job week but he also recalls exactly how much he raised.

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6.00em Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jirpmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.60 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Carl Davis Clessics 8.00 Migai Ogden 9.00 Sheer-Harp Arack 9.30 On the Scouting Trail, See Choice 16.30 Richard Alinson 12.05em Steve Madden 3.00

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TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scoti Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Anna Rasburn 10.00 James White 1.00am Milke Dickn

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Handel (Suite No 3 in D minor, HWV428); Respighi (Fountains of Rome); Mendelssohn (Overture: A Midsummer Night's Dream)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Ravel (Gaspard de la Nuit); Brahms (Crel Gesänge, Op 42) Verd (String Quartet in E minor)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Cheltenham Festival Live. Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Hugh Wood (Quintet for Clarinet, Horn, Volin, Cello and Piano); Holst (Ye Little Birds. Op 12 No 2)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Weelc Beethoven
1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth. With Stephen Hough, piano. Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat, K543), Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat)

No 39 in E flat, K543), Branms (Plano Concerto No 2 in B flat)

2.30 Volces: Catin Wyn-Davies (r)

3.15 BBC Scottlish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins, Wagner (Lohengin, Preludes to Acts 1 and 3); Haydin (Symphony No 99 in E flat)

4.00 Spirit of the Age (r)

5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson listens to music

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 8,25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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10.00 News, Run for Your Life. Bea Campbell
discovers that running connects the most diverse
people to the landscape around them
10.00 Dally Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Medicine New, with Geoff Wats
12.00 News, You and Yours, with Alice Bear
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2.30 Just the Part. In the first of six programmes
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Milnes talks to mezzo-sogram Marilyn Home
about singing Isabella in Rossin'is Italiana in Algeri
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3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dake Brehen

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

Mayor Larry Hand (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

happen, with no attempt at tidying up the loose ends. The first case seems straightforward in that suspects soon present themselves and there is little dispute about what happened. The uncertainty is over whether the dead man also had a knife, which could make his killing self-defence. The second case is also more complicated than it appears, for the victim provoked the fight which resulted in his death. A series which promised to be a simple tribute to the boys in blue tonight shows how how frustrating detective work can be.

True Stories: Rats in the Ranks Channel 4, 9.00pm

It says much for the makers of this documentary from Australia that they have been able to turn a minor episode in local politics into 90 minutes of compulsive viewing. Not one British viewer in a million would normally care a jot who becomes the next Mayor of Leichardt in Sydney. But Bob Connolly and Robin Anderson hook you from the start. They are helped by splendid material. The incumbent Mayor, Larry Hand, is standing for re-election but cannot be sure how the votes of his fellow councillors will fall. Genial and devious by tellow councillors will fall. Genial and devious of turn, Hand embarks on a campaign where most of the arm-twisting takes place behind the scenes. But somehow the camera always manages to be there. Normal party alignments mean nothing as allegiances shift and crumble. Significantly, there is not a word about policies.

Peter Waymark

Radio 5 Live, 9.00pm

Baseball is what Americans call cricket and the two ames are indistinguishable, at least in the intelectual sense. This new series does not make that lectual sense. This new series does not make that point, but I thought I would in case cricket fans were offended by the notion of a programme about baseball on British radio. Greg Proops presents the series, which starts with the formation of the National League in 1884, though the game itself was started informally and played by children and amateur teams early in the century. Baseball has an incredibly colourful history, including infiltration by the Mafia, hitmen allegedly hired to kill pitchers, and bribery scandals. But it is a beautiful game to watch. It is also, like cricket, a statistician's dream.

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VIRGIN RADIO

7.00em Nick Abbott 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00em Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

7.30 Pebble Mill. The final concert in a series of restores with the tine concert in a sense or celebrity plano recitals from Birmingham is given by Ronald Brautigern. Beethoven (Plano Sonata in B flat, Op 22); Schubert (Plano Sonata in A, D864) 8.26 A Medical History, A look at the changing attitudes to psychiatric illness, the treatments and some of the more colourful patients at the Bethlem Bruzel Hospital 8.40 Connect part two

some of the more colourful patients at the
Bettlem Royal Hospital 8.40 Concert, part two.
Schubert (Two Scherzos, D593); Besthoven
(Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 57. Appassioneta)
9.30 Rote Play. Alexandra Gilbreath and Herriet Walter
reveal the challenges in playing the pas-tonate,
destructive character of Hedde Gebber (25)
9.55 The BBC Orchestras, BBC National Orchestra of
Wales, under Christopher Seaman. Vaughan
Williams (Symphory No 2, London)
10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles asks if Steven
Spieberg is Hollywood's brightest star or a big lid
responsible for the dumbing down of oinema
11.30 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish
Music. Introduced by Catherine Bott (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Failwealther and Deirdre
Cartwright, originator and bandleader of Blow the
Fuse, review new jazz CDs
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Paul Vaughan recells growing up in the London suburb of Raynes Park, the bookshops of Charing Cross and queueing for tickets for the Proms in the 1940s
4.45 Short Story: The Boy Spy, by Alphonse Daudet 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 People Like Us (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 File on 4, with Julian O'Halioran 8.00 Science Now, with Pater Evans (r) 8.30 In Living Colour, with Trevor Philips 9.00 In Touch, with Peter White 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

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Fortness travels through the centuries in search of a
decent meal and first tastes a Roman cryy (r)
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My strife next door and other sad stories when the very fences are the cause of the upset neighbours, to the point where in learned friends start to rub their hands at the prospect of another lucrative day before m'lud. Civil dissent keeps a And the same of th

barnster in silk, so to say.

And fills an hour in the television schedules. Neighbours From Hell (ITV) did the job last night, appealing to our need for programmes that reassure us that whatever we might have on our plates, there are others who only see plates when one is being thrown at them. I have decent folk living behind my fence and the mob on show in this documentary made them seem all the better. At least one of the tales told was a retread. Mal Hussain, the Lan-

Goert Frost was right: good from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from this one that there are now 39 fences do make good neighbours. The trouble starts from the large quence of attacking him or his

Hussam is one of the bravest and most dignified people I have ever heard about but to include him in this programme jarred somewhat. The people who caused all the other neighbourly disputes here were daft or stubborn or vindictive individuals reacting to individual and specific events; Hussain's torturers are born riffraff, a baying collective of racist morons with porridge for brains. Not that more rational disputes

are more edifying, or less traumatising. Michael Jones has even set up a victim support group so that people in dispute with neighbours have somewhere to go for advice and comfort. Jones had been made miserable by people planting trees: Three neighbours got together and decided to conifer us out on the

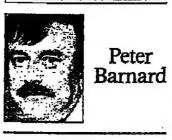
Conifer us out? I rather like that: the language can always use a new verb form. If trees had done for Jones, who was to spend 18 years fighting his persecutors, it was a hedge that put Brenda and John Laws in the shade. They had bought an "idyllic" former head

gardener's cottage in the grounds of a big house, which was fine until the owner of the big house planted a hedge eight feet from the Lawses' living room, blocking the view from five windows. Why did he do that? Mr and Mrs Laws think that the neighbour hopes to buy back their house at a low price.

am clearer as to how a dispute between Richard Jobson, the television presenter, and Sir Neville Bowman Shaw, the neighbouring landowner, got going. Shaw wanted to put some of his farm land adjacent to Jobson to industrial use, Jobson objected, the

REVIEW

Peter



objection was upheld, Shaw put pigs into the area instead, Jobson's children contracted "notifiable diseases often associated with farm animals".

The above is of course merely a sequence of events. The thing that makes lawyers smile when neighbours snarl is that a sequence of events is not necessarily consequential. Jobson thinks the pigs were an act of revenge, but this

does not make them so. This and however. The subject was global other cases in the programme left me, rather unusually, crying out for some analysis.

I longed for somebody to tell me what all this behaviour meant, but all I got was a different example of it. Most television documentaries have given up trying to explain things; instead they demonstrate just how conscientious their researchers have been. You want to reach through the screen, grab the producer by the throat and say: I know what, now tell me why. They rarely do, though.

People are always on about the BBC's Watchdog but among pro-grammes aimed at consumers I prefer Dosh (Channel 4), though when it comes to cheeky grins there is not much to choose between Anne Robinson and Adam Faith. Dosh is presented by Faith in mile-a-minute style and the items are nicely mixed. One of last night's was flawed.

shopping and as part of that two young women went to New York to see if the cheapness of the goods over there compared with over here made the trip worthwhile. The weakness was that it gave individual price savings without telling us how much was saved in total and whether the saving exceeded the air fare.

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owever, the exercise did demonstrate that LDs and clothes, to take the demonstrate that CDs best examples, are massively cheaper in New York than in London: the British shopper simply isn't demanding enough. The old rule of thumb, that the pound price in London is likely to be the dollar price in New York, still applies: a CD cost £12.99 in London and \$12.99 in New York.

And finally a few words about Channel 5: yes, it is still going, thank you for asking. The funda-

that none of its programming is essential viewing; there is nothing on tonight that lots of people will be talking about tomorrow.

Still, there was something on last night that is worth a mention today. Close Encounters: 24 Hours in Deepest Dulwich was a wildlife programme, some of which was filmed at night. Given the Channel 5 reception in some parts of the country, that decision deserves a bravery award. But aside from a pedestrian narration, this tale of 24 hours in the 60-fr garden of a London house was absorbing and informative.

Did you know, for example, that whereas three species of dragonfly have been lost to the countryside in the past 25 years, none has disappeared from London? Nor did I. The reason for their absence down my way is that I have been putting them in the neighbours' milk, but that's another documentary.

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6.00am Business Breakfast (32486) 7.00 BBC Breaklast News (1) (37844) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3424486) 9.20 Bendy, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (1848592) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (5510660)

10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (72844) 11.00 News; regional news and weather (7018738)

11.05 Due South Fraser and Vecchio go undercover as used-car salesmen (r) (1)

11.50 Good Neighbours (2028221) 12.00 News (T) (8589931) 12.05pm Cell My Bluff (6273979) 12.35 Neighbourn (T) (8921738) 1.00 News (T) and-weather (30931) 1.30 Regional News (42506009) 1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Skin-

Deep: Scandal (1993) A cosmetics company owner is murdered. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (1) (3528047) 3.10 Quincy (9493660)

4.00 Popeye (r) (7967202) 4.10 Rugrets (T) (4383689) 4.35 Round the Twist (r) (T) (8078028) 5.00 Neweround (T) (1114196) 5.10 Activ-8 (T) (4702009) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (472990) 6.00 News (T) and weather (467)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (937) 7.00 Summer Holiday A villa holiday in Florida; Carmathershire from the comfort of a farmhouse; and why heli-emillion Britishs go to libiza every year. Plus, Kate Humble on the Nantes-Brest Cansf (1) (2979)

7.30 EastEnders Barry mass business with pleasure and Tony is horrified when he is confronted over his relationship with Polly

8.00 Driving School Learner driver Maureen hopes she is ready for the final challenge, while Dayny's long distance lone affair, seems to have taken a wrong turn and dean gets her canine passenger to belt up. Last in series.(T) (8399

8.30 Keeping Up Appearances The pros-pect of Richerd's early retirement opens doors for aspiring socialite Hyacinth (1)

9.00 News (1) and weather (6775) 9.30 The Broker's Ment Slege A Falklands veteran tries to trace an old comrade, but a bappy reunion is not his motive. Jimmy's efforts to patch up his alling

marriage with a tro to the country come to nothing when Sally discovers he has business in mind (1) (347980) 10.20 The X Files Scully's psychological problems surface after an incident at a Minneapolis graveyard (f) (T) (769029)

11.05 You Decide John Humphrys invites a studio audience to debate a topical issue, while a phone-in vote decides the final verdict (1) (249009) 12.00 On My Own (1992) A 15-year-old boy, visiting his divorced perents, discovers his mother is being treated for schizophrenia. With Judy Davis and Matthew Ferguson. Directed by Antonio Tibaldi (162535)

1,35mm Weather (2331784)

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BBC2 6.00em Open University: The Promised Land (7091660) 6.25 Nathan the Wise (7087467) 6.50 Victorians and the Art of

the Past (6201221) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (1) (6963776)

7,30 The Moomins (7082134) 7.55 Get Your Own Back (6923486) 8.20 The Brollys (8601467) 8.35 The Record (2523196) 9.00 Carloon (5726080) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (1826370) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (1826370) 9.35 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2504912) 10.00 Teletubbles (99196) 10.30 Lady for a Night (1942) Costume drama with Joan Blondell and John Wayne. A down-at-heel gambler marries into an aristocratic family from America's Deep

South. Directed by Leigh Jason (38554) 2007, Drected by Legn Jestin (2000)

12.00 See Hearf (r) (f) (61738) 12.30pm
Working Lunch (98370) 1.00 Joshua
Jones (25135979) 1.10 Off the Beaten
Track, Oz. Clarks follows the course of
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Last at Beries (61600331) 1.40 Blockbusters (59505912) 2.05 The Natural World (T) (5318467) 3.00 News (T) (1041370) 3.05 Westminster (8906134) 3.55 News (T) (2480680) 4.00 Cinderfella (1960) Jerry Lewis Cornedy. Directed by Frank Teshiin (8863991)

5.25 Country Welks to Curious Places 3) 5.35 Children in Need Special (r) (470202) 6.00 Heartbreak High (T) (233405)



6.45 Gower's Cificket Monthly As the Ashes series reaches the halfway mark, David Gower reflects on the state of play, and Dennis Lillee and Derek Randall recall some magic moments from the Centen-ary Test at Melbourne in 1977 (432009)

medicine industry (1) (573) 8.00 Call My Bluff (r) (T) (9641) 8.30 Ainsley's Barbecue Bible: Greece

(2/6) (8776) 9.00 Taking Back My Life Television film.
Nancy Ziegenmeyer is raped by a stranger and begins a battle to win justice for herself. Directed by Harry Winer

10.30 Newsnight (710912) 11.15 500 Bus Stops After a night under canvas the strain is too much for Ken and the tour seems to be doomed (141757)

11.45 X Philes (344318) 11,55 Westher (508689) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (42545)

12.30cm Learning Zone: OU — the Management of Nuclear Waste 1.00 Project Management 1.30 The Film: Joyride 2.00 Ster Gezing Collections 2 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT 4.30 Film Education: The Fall and Rise of Cinema 5.00 Inside Europe 5.30 Film

6.00am GMTV (1670432) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1832931) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (4545680)

10.20 News (1) (8347757) 10.25 Regional News (T) (8346028) 10.30 I Married Wyatt Earp (1983) Western Charns starring Marie Osmond, Bruce Boxletiner and John Bennett Perry. Directed by Michael O'Herlihy

(94022080) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8593134) 12.30 News (1) and weather (8940863)

12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (41461806) 12.55 Shortland Street (8925554) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (37637399) 1.50 Liz Earle's Litestyle (T) (59512202) 2.20 Shattered Promises (r) (T) (5815370) 3.20 News (T) (1058680)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (4384405) 3.40 Ozzie the Owl (1655028) 3.50 Zot the Dog (r) (1644912) 4.00 Scooby Doo (r) (7952370) 4.10 The Twisted Tales of February Captain Star (1) (4387641) 4.45 The Scoop (1) (8052080)

5.10 Highway to Heaven (2/2) (1768863) 5.40 News (T) and weather (648775) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (499863) 6.25 HTV Weather (368554) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (115)

7.00 Emmerdale Rachel receives an unexpected visit from Andy's father (T) (7047) 7.30 Take 3 Current affairs reports on issues flecting the West (399) 8.00 The BBR Blake is thrilled about her new

attachment to CID (T) (3467) 8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna Robert Lazar, a physicist who claims to have examined allen spacecraft In a Nevada military base (1) (5202)



Murder Squad: The Knife Killings The deaths in South London of Bryan Humberstone and Raymond Ennis are investigated and their families reveal how they came to terms with their loss and the violent nature of their loved one's death (T) (8486) 10.00 News (T) and weather (82221)

10.30 Regional News (T) (194080)
10.40 Police Academy (1984) with Steve
Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall and Bubba
Smith, Comedy about the adventures of a

group of inept police recruits. Directed by Hugh Wilson (7) (11131825) 12.25em Dating the Enemy Last in series 1.25 Late and Loud (7626719)

2.30 The Chart Show (r) (4797061) 3.25 Sound Bites (45091697) 3.35 F1: Grand Prix Highlights (r) (8274993) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (22811871) 5.00 Heirloom (19974)

5.20 News (99581)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Hart to Hart Returns A made

for-television crime-fighting caper starring Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers and David Rasche (94022080) 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8925554) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1768863) 6.25-7.00 Central News (740370)

7.30-8.00 Bienheim Palace (399) 12.25em Film: Stompin' at the Savoy (812413)

2.10 in Focus (2545177) 3.00 ITV at the Phoenbt Festival (6948239) 3.55 The Big Match Replayed (2221852) 4.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (7567239) 5.20 Asian Eye (9317784)

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10.30am Film: Hart to Hart Returns (1993). A made-tor-television crime-fighting caper starring Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers and David Rasche (94022080) 12.55pm Home and Away (4565450)

1,20-1,50 Emmerdale (74755806) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1768863) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (25365) 7.30-8.00 Stately Homes (399)

MERIDIAN

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5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1768863) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (863) 6.30-7.00 The Antiques Trail (115) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (399) 3.35cm F1: British Grand Prix Highlights

5.00 Freescreen (19974)

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11.50 Voyage to Next Animation (2011931) 12.00 House to House Political magazine (89134) 12.30pm Blue Wilderness: Shadow on the Reef (r) (T) (90738) 1.00 Moving People (r) (T) (96355680) 1.25 Weather-Beaten Melody (66472979)

1.35 Follow a Star (1959, b/w) A comedy with Norman Wisdom as an aspiring pop star who is exploited by Jerry Desmonde. Directed by Robert Asher (1) (65954660) 3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (221) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (888) 4.30

Countdown (1) (8062467) 4.55 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2915950) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (592)

6.00 Space Cadets A new science fiction comedy quiz (1/10) (1) 6.30 Tour de France Stage ten — Luchon to Andorra Arcalis, a distance of 252km

7.00 Channel 4 News (T), Headlines and weather at 7.30 (244931) 7.50 York Early Music Festival Musicians of Grope Lane (279641)



Stephen, Hayley and George (8pm)

8.00 Tool Stories A new six-part series featuring the builder George Herbert, offering advice to DIY enthusiasts around the country. Tonight he meets Stephen and Hayley who want to transform their Essex garden into a Turkish-style "ruin" (T) (1009)

8.30 Brookside Bal demands half of everything while Jacqui and Katie have to break bad news to David (T) (3844) 9.00 True Stories: Rats in the Ranks A look at an Australian

mayoral election campaign (1) (5365) 10.30 Trauma The work of surgeons at Tampa General Hospital (7/13) (66283) 11.00 Blue Miterder A two-part, fact-based drama about crime, corruption and murder in Sydney during the 1960s. Concludes tomorrow (54757)

1.00am The Servant (1963, b/w) Dirk Bogarde and James Fox star in this Harold Pinter drama directed by Joseph Losey (T) (43843351) 3.05 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (4547448)

3.50 A Hero of Our Time (b/w) starring Dennis Hopper (98195516)

4.20 Tour de France (r) (95042622) 4.50 The Talking Show (6/6) (r) (T) (22994158)

5.20 Beckdate (r) (T) (4436697)

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6.00am 5 News Early (T) (9496912) 7.30 Havakazoo (7239399) 8.00 Adventures

WideWorld. How developed and undeveloped communities are working to improve their lives (7128467) 9.00 Espresso (3829757) 10.00 Exclusivel (r) (5808467) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (7131931) 11.00 Leeza (6780047) 11.50

Double Espresso (19531405) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautitul (T) (7122283) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (4796641) 1.00 5 News Update (T) (88419757) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8746028) 2.00 5's Company (6719283)

3.30 Only Angels Have Wings (1939) Drama with Cary Grant, Rita Hayworth and Jean Arthur. The head pilot of an airmail service in South America must cope with difficult flying conditions and the attentions of two women. Directed by Howard Hawks. (9407028)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7569221) 6.00 Move on Up (1) (7566134)

6.30 Family Affairs Jack tells Duncan that Maria is pregnant (T) (7557486) 7.00 Exclusive! Julia Bradbury introduces a programme dedicated to lesser-known relations of the famous, including Mick Jagger's brother Chris, Tim Rice's daughter Eva and Jason Connery, son of



Eyes A look at the life of the raccon, a creature at home in the deserts of Arizona or the Rocky Mountains (T) (7546370)

8.00 Plastic Fantastic A series putting cosmetic surgery under the microscope After her five-hour operation Jan takes a look at the results of her facelift (6825573) 8.30 5 News (T) (6804080) 9.00 Poltergeist: The Legacy — The Bell of Girardius Derek investigates a woman

with a griel-driven lantasy (T) (6374689) 9.50 Poltergelst: The Legacy — Fox Spirit The Legacy look into temble goings on in Chinatown (T) (3472318) 10.45 Not the Jack Docherty Show Chat and

11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6720399) 12.30am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (85027332) 4.40 The Streets of San Francisco

(6156603)5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3600622)

8.00em Morning Glory (531554) 9.00 Regis and Kathle Lee (85257) 10.00 Another World (61825) 11.00 Days of Our Lives World (81825) 11,000 Days of Our Lives (81889) 12,000 Oprah Whritey (57047) 1,000ps Geratio (83467), 2,00 Sally Jasey Rephael (47757) 3,000 Janny Jones (88221) 4,000 Oprah Wintey (52025) 8,000 Ser Treic Next Generation (8196) 8,000 Rosel TV (2488) 8,300 Married — with Children (7388) 7,000 The Smoone (7825) 7,300 M*A**5"H (6350) 8,000 Speedi (6573) 8,300 Real TV Lik (5060) 9,000 Desembard (65844) 10,000 The Prac-tice (89631) 11,000 Ser Treic Next Genera-tion (82554) 12,000 Late Show with Letter-man (73142) 1,000 and Hit Mix (8980822)

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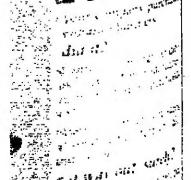
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Former champions overshadowed

Woods finds sand after picnic lunch

LIKE a long approach putt that curves in towards the hole, all is slowly falling into place at Royal Troon, where the 126th Open Championship begins on Thursday. The wind, if one can glorify a little huffing of light air as such, blew from the northwest. This is over a golfer's right shoulder on the way out and over the left shoulder on the more difficult inward half. Across the Firth of Clyde, the Isle of Arran stood out stark

Two events yesterday morning confirmed that serious practice had begun. First came the ritual announcement from Scott Hoch, of the United States, that he was withdrawing from the tournament. No surprises there. He has played in 45 major championships dating back to his first in 1979, but only two Opens.

Down the years, Hoch's attitude to the Open has varied from contempt to disrespect to indifference. The only surprise is why he goes through the ritual of entering when almost certainly he is going to withdraw.

Then came The Arrival. Tom Lehman, the defending champion, had come to the clubhouse with no fanfare, as had Mark Calcavecchia, the champion in 1989, who would shortly go out on to the course on his own with Sheryl, his wife, caddieing for him. In time, Tom Watson and Fred Couples would begin a prac-tice round, as would Ernie Els, the US Open champion. Vijay Singh, Bernhard Langer and Jeff Maggert.

But at 12.40pm, Tiger Woods arrived at the stone walked through the revolving door and immediately turned left into the men's changing rooms. Moments later, he emerged to hit some practice putts and give a cool half-wave to two youngsters who shout-

ed his name across the 1st fairway. He made his way to the tee, where 50 spectators had gathered and where Mike Cowan, his caddie, who is known as "Fluff", pulled the woollen cover off Woods's driver and handed over the metal wood. With it, Woods hit his first stroke at Troon, a powerful, low drive that bounded down the fairway well past the second of the two sentinel bunkers but finished 70 yards short of the flagstick

on this 364-yard hole.



talked little. He seemed relaxed. Autograph requests were declined. Walking to the tee at the 3rd, Woods was touched by a spectator. "I'm never going to wash again," the spectator said. On the 6th, Woods spoke to a little boy who was eating a hamburger.
"What's it like?" he asked. Brilliant" was the reply.

A club manufacturer's representative was sent off to buy some and returned with a selection of steak, chicken and bacon burgers. Duly victsecond shot on the longest hole of the course and his ball struggled to the front edge.

Mark O'Meara, the senior member of the group and something of an older brother to Woods, led the way on the

8th. His wedge at the Postage Stamp hole flew high and landed softly 15 feet from the flag. "Ill take that every day,"
O'Meara said. Woods's first
shot, low and fizzing, hit the
bank between the two bunkers
on the left and bounded down into the sand. He made two attempts before he got his ball out of the steep, kidney-shaped bunker that is no more than

Calcavecchia has shaved his head and removed most of a goatee from his chin. Even his mother might not have recognised him. Well known or anonymous, Calcavecchia knew what success in the Open had done for him. "Winning put my name on a list." Calcavecchia said. "I won a major championship. A lot of guys cannot say that."

And so Woods came to the end of his practice round, passing the Marine Hotel as served. He would not have known of the bet placed on him by a man from Luton.

What are the odds on Tiger Woods?" the man asked. "You mean to win the Open?" a William Hill em-

ployee said.
"No, to become president of the US by 2020."
"1,000-1." At this, the punter

placed £30 on the table. "You've had a failed actor, so you might as well have a successful golfer," the William Hill person replied.

Woods had looked comfortable on the golf course all afternoon. "He hit a lot of

knock-down shots out there today," Butch Harmon, his coach said. "He is very confitouch and that is what you need to hit them."

As Woods and John Cook, O'Meara and Dudley Hart walked off the last green, Cook remarked: "It is 5pm on Mon-day and nobody is interested in Tom Watson."

Woods entered the clubhouse, "Tomorrow, tomorrow, I'll see you tomorrow, tomorrow," he said. It sounded like a song from a Sondheim musical.

Selectors choose

to ignore Black

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FACING their most difficult a virus, Black sought a week's

grace to recover and demon-

strate form. His plan, according to Mike Whittingham, his

coach, was to run in Hechtel,

Belgium, this Saturday and

hope to go faster than the third

athlete in the trial. Raulch's

45.02sec, though representing

an improvement on his recent

races, seemed insufficiently

compelling to dismiss Black

summarily.

Given Black's record for

Britain, which includes two

European titles, world and

Olympic silver medals and, as

recently as four weeks ago, a European Cup victory, he was

looking for a little flexibility in

return - all the more so for

playing a pivotal role in

patching up relationships be-tween athletes and the British

Though not as startling as

Coe's 1988 omission, when he

was seeking to win a third successive Olympic title at

1,500 metres, Black's absence is an indication of the federa-

tion's determination to ensure

that athletes compete in the

trials, one of its few televised

events. In Baulch they had a

worthy candidate, the runner-

up in the world indoor cham-

pionships last winter and

holder of the British indoor

Furthermore, Baulch was

unfortunate not to gain an

individual place last year and

fully demonstrated his talent

when helping Britain to take

silver medals from the 4 x 400

metres. He is a rising talent

and one of such rare promise

that Colin Jackson and

Linford Christie are investing

coaching time in him.

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Master golfer can help to break barriers.

Pat Gibson on the black players reaping dividends from the Tiger phenomenon

ble members of a play their course, they were so shocked that they almost drove their buggy into a bunker. Daryi Oxley, the captain of the Afro-Caribbean Golf Society, chuckled at the memory as he prepared to leave for the Open Champion-ship at Royal Troon on an initiative that could make black golfers a more familiar sight on Great Britain's

Oxley is one of six members of his society who are going to Troon at the invitation of Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient, to watch Tiger Woods play in his first Open as a professional and then talk about setting up an academy to encourage black British youngsters to try

Bonaliack was alerted to the society's ambition when he watched the television programme, Black Britain, which focused on the prospects for black British golfers in the wake of Woods's phenomenal success in the Masters. "He is very keen on anything to do with youth golf," Oxley said, "and phoned and offered his assistance in any way he tickets for the Open and Monday after it.

Monday after it.

"There are a lot of young-sters of all nationalities who want to play golf, but one of the reasons why we are keen to introduce youngsters of Afro-Caribbean parentage to the sport is because they would not normally be exposed to it. The great thing about the Tiger Woods phenomenon is that it has made people of all races realise that golf is not famous, it's a sport for

Not that the Afro-Caribbean Golf Society did not know that already. It was formed three years ago when two groups of four who had taken up the game met by chance and decided that they ought to have their own society. Now there are nearly 70 members. including two tournament professionals, Robert Forde and Alian Jarrett, who play on

the Challenge circuit — the springboard to the European

They have a society day once a month at courses around the Home Counties and a charity day which this year will be held at the London Golf Club in aid of the African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust. They have been made to feel welcome wherever they have

We cannot say that racism does not exist because we know it exists in all sports, just as it does in life in general," Oxley said, "but we have never found it a hindrance. There is the usual sort of covert stuff, but that is the negative aspect of it. We like to focus on the positive and since we formed this society we have had nothing but positive feedback from everywhere we have

xley is fairly typical of the membership. A structural engi-neer with English Heritage, he had played crick-et and football at a decent level but never thought that he would ever play golf until a colleague gave him a seveniron and they went into a field to hit a few balls. He took to it straight away and now plays off a handicap of 11.

That is the way most of us would have got into the game, purely by chance," he said, and that is what has got to change. The future in all sports is with youth, which is why we were working towards an academy, probably based in Lambeth, even before Tiger

Woods came along.
The role-model thing is crucially important, but we would not want the whole of black golf to be built around Tiger Woods. It is important for us to start something that cultural outlook of the Afro-Caribbean community in the country. The academy will definitely come about and we will be hoping to laurich it

later this year." And is there a British Tiger Woods out there? Well, he is a bit special, isn't he?" Oxley said. "We would just like to introduce golf to as many young people as possible and hope that there is a future champion among them."



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decision since omitting Sebas-tian Coe from the 1988 Olympic team, Great Britain's athletics selectors yesterday denied Roger Black a place in the 400 metres at the world championships in Athens next month, according to inside sources. The decision comes less than two months after Black was named as the British men's team captain for

> announced today. Black, the most successful British athlete at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year,

Athens. The squad is due to be



Black: missed trial

winning two silver medals, appears to have been cast aside unceremoniously and Jamie Baulch controversially awarded the third place. Iwan Thomas, who displaced Black as the British record-holder when winning the trial race in Birmingham on Sunday, and Mark Richardson were guaranteed selection after finishing first and second, but the third place was left to the selectors' discretion.

After withdrawing from the trials because he felt he had not recovered sufficiently from

Silva move waits for work permit BY DAVID MADDOCK

have agreed terms with Celio Silva, the Brazil defender. The player will complete a £3.5 million transfer as soon as he is granted a work permit by the Department of Employment. Maurice Watkins, the Manchester United director.

confirmed yesterday that an agreement had been reached with the player and Corinthi-ans, his Brazilian club, and that an application for a work permit had been submitted.

"We concluded negotiations, but we can't complete the transfer until he gets



Ginola: awaits medical

clearance from the Department of Employment," he said. "It will take a few weeks. We hope to have him available for the start of the season."

The 29-year-old arrived at Old Trafford yesterday to agree a four-year deal worth in the region of 13 million. He has 20 caps and is therefore unlikely to be hindered in his application for a permit.

Another player on the move yesterday was David Ginola, the French winger. He agreed terms with Tottenham Hotspur and will complete a

MANCHESTER UNITED £2 million transfer this afternoon after a medical. Tottenham still retain their interest in taking Les Ferdinand from Newcastle United along with Ginola, but so far

have been unable to budge the Tyneside club from an asking price of £6 million. Terry Dolan was dismissed as manager of Hull City yesterday, leaving the way open for Mark Hateley, the former Rangers and England forward, to assume control at the club recently purchased by

David Lloyd, the former Eng-land Davis Cup tennis player. Everton appear to have won a race with Manchester United for the services of promising young Grimsby Town winger, John Oster. He was at Goodison Park for talks yesterday and is likely to sign this

Birmingham City have had change of heart over Peter Ndlovu and will now sign the Coventry City winger despite a knee injury that forced the transfer to be cancelled last

Paul McGrath has been told by West Ham United that he has three games in which to prove his knees are still capa-ble of surviving the rigours of the FA Carling Premiership. The Ireland defender, 37, trained with West Ham for the first time yesterday and will join the squad on a pre-season

tour to Scotland.

The Football League yesterday revealed that it would ask the European Union to intervene in its row with Llefa. football's European governing body, over the removal of a place in the Uefa Cup for the winners of their domestic com-



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